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Albany begins search for new chief

Person to succeed Greg Bone will face a staffing shortage, regional trend and increased violent crime

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Albany Police Chief Bone was a young officer in the department, drunken fights were common and the city having

may he said those crimes diminished but violent crime increased as part of a trend.

the scenario the next chief will encounter after June 30.

who is retiring after 30 years with the department is recommending Lt. Mike Javandel as his replacement.

he is certainly positive to have come from inside the department to be promoted," Vice Mayor Farid Javandel said.

There's a lot of good reasons for that if you have a qualified candidate."

City Council met Monday to discuss how to replace the next chief but made no decision, City Administrator Javandel said.

ever is hired will likely address a police staffing shortage and a recent uptick in crime.

said "Part 1" crimes last including vehicle thefts and pedestrian robberies that crime, were up 9 percent in 2004, which he said is a spillover from nearby

and Richmond.

what's following an 18-month in Part 1 crimes in the previous year.

ounce around," Bone said. "We're sometimes high, sometimes low."

Part 1 crimes were still down over 2002.

while, the department has six police officers from a total of 27.



ALBANY POLICE CHIEF Greg Bone plans to retire in June after nearly 30 years with the department. He became police chief in 2002.

"Our challenge is finding good people to come into this type of work," Bone said. "It's not just an Albany problem; it's profession-wide, it's industry wide."

With a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Berkeley and an interest in criminal justice, Bone became a volunteer reserve officer in the Albany department in 1976.

He became a sworn police officer in 1977, after working for a short time as an officer with BART.

After joining the Albany department, he worked his way up

the ranks, from patrol officer to patrol lieutenant in 1991. He became the city's first appointed police chief in October 2002.

"It was really quite an honor for me to be the first appointed one," Bone said. "The prior six had been elected."

Until 2001, when residents voted to amend the city charter, Albany had been one of two cities in the state with an elected police chief. Santa Clara still elects its top cop.

Pollard said an appointed chief gives the city a greater pool of applicants in choosing Bone's replacement. Under the elected

system, candidates were required to be sworn police officers who lived in the city.

Bone, a Moraga resident, said he's leaving to take advantage of his retirement benefits. He's 55.

"I have my health, a little bit of youth left, and I've done 30 years," he said.

McQuiston has been with the department since 1988. Like Bone, he's been a liaison to the city's traffic and safety commission, and has helped expand the city's Police Activities League.

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City leaders urge analysis of waterfront

■ Mayor Maris says he wants Albany's residents to be in position to make informed choices on Golden Gate Fields land

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Three Albany City Council members say they want an analysis of what might happen if a large-scale development is built at Golden Gate Fields or if voters approve a potential ballot initiative attempting to prevent it.

The council made few other decisions at its Monday night meeting, though it discarded an idea to move forward with its own planning process for the waterfront.

Vice Mayor Farid Javandel suggested the city-backed planning for the shoreline in response to two opposing factions that are attempting to make a huge stamp on the area's future.

On one end, Southern California developer Rick Caruso wants to build an outdoor mall and housing on underused parking lots at Golden Gate Fields.

On the other, environmental groups are collecting signatures to place an initiative on the November ballot that would effectively block the development's approval and restrict future development on the land.

Javandel, Mayor Allan Maris and Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi said they wanted the city to analyze how the two scenarios would affect Albany, particularly its finances.

"I think we need to put the community in a position to make good decisions," Maris said.

The council will receive more information about those potential studies at an upcoming meeting.

On Monday, residents and council members who backed the environmental position debated those who believed the city should let the Caruso development go through a normal plan-

ning process.

Voters would have the last say over the development under Measure C, the city's 1990 waterfront protection initiative.

"If the Caruso development goes through, it doesn't cost us anything," one longtime resident said. "It seems like that's the best way to do it."

Another resident said he was outraged by the citizens' initiative, and complained that it would take away residents' right to vote on the proposed development. He also pointed out that the Golden Gate Fields land was privately owned.

"It's a total sham," resident Sol Strand said, comparing the citizens' initiative effort to planning for a neighbor's backyard.

Resident Mara Duncan said the initiative wasn't perfect but backed it because she wanted to protect the waterfront from development. She was also one of the few residents who supported a city-backed planning process for the area.

"In the end I believe it will save us money and our children's health," she said.

Most residents, as well as a Caruso representative, argued that a city-backed waterfront planning process would cost too much or confuse voters.

Robert Cheasty, president of Citizens for East Shore Parks, said the citizens initiative was a response to the city's failure to plan for the waterfront.

He compared the initiative to zoning restrictions in residential neighborhoods.

"There's lots of restrictions on private property," Cheasty said, "and that's what cities do."

The group Citizens for the Albany Shoreline is collecting signatures in an effort to place the Albany Waterfront Specific Plan Initiative on the November ballot. The East Shore Parks organization and the Sierra Club are supporting it.

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Newest parks director Skinner discusses goals

■ Finishing Eastshore State Park is priority, but offering opportunities for youths ranks highly, too

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

It's been a whirlwind 10 days for former Berkeley City Councilwoman Nancy Skinner. On March 14, she was chosen to succeed the late Jean Siri on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, and was sworn in the same day. She attended her first meeting on Tuesday.

During her two terms on the City Council, Skinner helped block Santa Fe/Southern Pacific's plans to develop the Berkeley waterfront, and authored successful ballot measures to ban Styrofoam, preserve the waterfront as open space, and recycle 50 percent of the city's waste.

On Monday she talked with the Voice about her new position and her goals for the district.

Q: What makes you qualified to replace Jean Siri?

A: She can't be replaced. But I will do my best to respect her legacy by dedicating myself to contributing with the same diligence, enthusiasm and love she gave.

Q: What are your goals for the District?

A: First, helping to ensure the completion of the Eastshore State Park. We want to make sure the state delivers on the funds they've promised and, if additional funds are necessary, that we find other sources of revenue to complete that park.

Second, providing opportunities for kids everywhere in the district to be able to utilize the parks is something very near and



NANCY SKINNER replaces the late Jean Siri on the East Bay Regional Park District board. Skinner is a former Berkeley councilwoman.

dear to my heart for many reasons — to give them the opportunity to enjoy nature, to build an appreciation for environmental concerns, and to just give kids an outlet.

Finally, I want to work with the other board members to help engage more of the residents throughout both our counties in use of the parks and in appreciation of the parks. The challenge is that there are certain parts of our two counties where it's been difficult to get support for revenue measures for our parks.

ONLINE

■ Listen to Nancy Skinner describe how she developed a love for nature at ContraCostaTimes.com

Q: Where, specifically?

A: The eastern parts of both Contra Costa and Alameda counties have been more reticent. It's hard to get a two-thirds vote, which is what most revenue measures require, with that kind of opposition. So we have to figure out a way to overcome that reluctance.

Q: Ward 1, the district you represent, stretches from Pinole to North Oakland, encompassing a wide mix of ethnicities, income levels and interest groups. What happens when their interests collide?

A: Well, for instance, we have a large concentration of bird watchers in this area, reflected in the high membership in groups like the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club, which is the highest, per capita, in the country.

At the same time, we have a really high percentage of families with dogs, who really love their dogs and want them have places to run. I think the park district has done a good job serving both their needs.

Q: How?

A: Take the Point Isabel Dog Park. It's a great place for dogs to run off leash, but it's also good for birdwatchers. It's at the shoreline, and many of the wading birds and ducks don't seem to mind the dogs. And the dogs don't seem to mind them. You can walk with your dog and look at the birds, too.

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HANNAH FORCUM, left, and **AMANDA COMPTON**, both 14, pretend to run novelty phones at Central Perk in El Cerrito on Wednesday. The business features collectibles but has been told by the city that it can't serve coffee until it obtains the proper permit.

Perks still dry at Central Perk

Week-old business has secured permit for food and consumables

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Central Perk, a cafe and collectibles store cooking up a buzz on Alameda and San Pablo avenues in El Cerrito, is missing its main

ingredient. Contra Costa County Director of Health stopped the cafe from serving coffee recently after Sue and Ron Fox

failed to get a permit for a coffee stand they placed in the middle of the business.

The Foxes began serving coffee and tea from the cart after opening, while they made plans to build a permanent counter to serve coffee drinks and snacks.

"People come in all day saying 'I'm so curious, I've been waiting for you to open,'" Sue Fox said. "It's been really positive and nice except for the health department."

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

City eyes 'green' standards for buildings

Albany is considering adopting a law that would require city building or renovation projects to meet federal "green building" standards.

The ordinance may also require new commercial or residential buildings to use a county checklist to document green building practices.

"The main goal of this is that people are at least looking at (green building) while they're designing the project," Albany associate planner Billy Gross said.

The Planning Commission will hear public comment on the ordinance on Tuesday, and will discuss its environmental impacts on April 25. It will then go to the City Council for final approval.

The Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chamber, 1000 San Pablo Ave. The ordinance will be available today. For more information, call 510-528-5760.

— Alan Lopez

Berkeley appeals Marin Avenue ruling

The Berkeley City Council has appealed a judge's decision ordering the city to re-evaluate the effects of the recent Marin Avenue reconfiguration.

The council made the decision Monday, two weeks after Ray Chamberlin, a Berkeley resident who opposes the Marin Avenue project, appealed the same judgment.

"We were going to comply (with the judgment) if he hadn't appealed," assistant Berkeley city attorney Zach Cowan said. "Since he appealed, we have nothing to lose by cross-appealing."

Chamberlin appealed the decision in an effort to force Albany to re-evaluate its portion of the project.

In January, Superior Court Judge Bonnie Sabraw ordered Berkeley to re-evaluate the project in response to Chamberlin's lawsuit. The decision did not affect Albany's portion of the project because Chamberlin filed his lawsuit beyond a 30-day statute of limitations.

The reconfiguration reduced the number of traffic lanes from four to three, and added bike lanes through Albany and Berkeley.

— Alan Lopez

Hearing to be held on 'no parking' signs

The Albany City Council will hold a public hearing April 17 to decide whether to install permanent "no parking" signs on streets near Solano and San Pablo avenues.

The signs are intended to prohibit parking when the streets are being swept. Sweepers have a hard time cleaning the curbs near Solano and San Pablo avenues because many people are not moving their cars.

The city is also considering the permanent signs near four of the city's five public schools if a schedule change doesn't result in fewer parked cars. The area near Ocean View Elementary School is not swept because it's under the jurisdiction of the University of California.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the council chamber, 1000 San Pablo Ave. Call 510-528-5760 for more information.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Residents can apply for city positions

El Cerrito residents have until April 17 to apply for positions on the city's Economic Development Board, the Civil Service Commission and the Committee on Aging.

The Economic Development Board makes recommendations about the city's economic development plan. It meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month.

The Civil Service Commission meets on-call. It holds hearings, and makes recommendations about city employees who appeal a disciplinary action, dismissal or demotion.

The Committee on Aging makes recommendations about providing seniors with affordable housing, services and programs and public transportation.

Applications are available by calling the city clerk at 510-215-4305 or online at www.el-cerrito.org. Applications need to be submitted to the city clerk by 4 p.m. April 17.

— Alan Lopez

Teens arrested after police pursuit

Police arrested three teenagers after a car chase last weekend during which a man was dragged a short distance while trying to hang on to his stolen van.

The victim noticed someone starting his Dodge Caravan in front of his home in the 1300 block of Contra Costa Avenue minutes before midnight Saturday, El Cerrito police Cpl. Don Horgan said.

The victim ran outside and confronted the people in the van; he then grabbed on to the van and hung on as they drove away. He fell off down the block, ran to another car, and began chasing the van, which turned south on San Pablo Avenue.

Kensington police noticed the van driving faster than 70 mph on the avenue and gave chase. El Cerrito police pulled over the victim about the same time and learned about the crime, Horgan said.

Kensington police soon found the van abandoned on Norwood Place, and El Cerrito police found three suspects whom witnesses identified walking near the corner of Moers Lane and King Drive.

Three boys, ages 17, 15 and 14, were arrested on suspicion of carjacking, and they were booked into Juvenile Hall in Martinez.

— Karl Fischer

West County

School board narrows superintendent list

The West Contra Costa school board will contemplate finalists for superintendent after finishing interviews with five candidates this week.

Executive search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates received 83 responses, said Paul Ehara, district spokesman. The company narrowed the field to 15 for personal interviews with the search team. Three dropped out, and one was eliminated after reference checks, Ehara said.

The school board met with five candidates Monday and Tuesday. The board is expected to announce a new leader for the 32,000-student district, which has a budget of close to \$275 million, in early April.

Former Superintendent Gloria Johnston left her \$191,000 post in August. Cynthia LeBlanc, formerly head of personnel and academics, stepped in as interim superintendent.

— Shirley Dang

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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, March 14

■ **BURGLARY** — A master bedroom in an apartment on the 500 block of Elm Street was ransacked sometime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The apartment was entered through an open bathroom window.

■ **PURSE TAKEN** — A window was smashed and a purse was taken from the front seat of a Lexus 300 on the 1200 block of Contra Costa Drive sometime between 8:35 a.m. and 9 a.m. The purse was later found in Kensington.

■ **TOOL THEFT** — Some \$660 worth of tools was taken from a Toyota Tacoma on the 11100 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

■ **STEREO TAKEN** — A window was pried open and the stereo was taken from a 2001 Dodge Caravan sometime between 6 p.m. on March 15 and 6 a.m. the next morning.

■ **ROBBERY** — At 9 p.m., a man was robbed at gunpoint on the 1000 block of Contra Costa Drive. Police say four

men in a car followed the victim while he drove up Moers Lane on his way to the home of a relative. The robbers, who had a rifle, stole the man's wallet and backpack.

■ **VEHICLE FOUND** — A 1993 Plymouth Acclaim, stolen from the 7200 block of Lincoln Avenue on March 15, was found two days later on Liberty at Lincoln avenues.

Thursday, March 16

■ **ROBBERY** — A man was robbed at gunpoint by two men in front of his home on the 3400 block of Santa Clara Avenue shortly after 10 p.m. One man pointed a gun at the victim while the other rifled through his pockets, taking his wallet and keys. The two men are suspected of committing similar robberies in Richmond, police said.

■ **VEHICLE FOUND** — A stolen 1996 Saturn SL was found without license plates in a parking lot on the 5800 block of Gutting Boulevard. The vehicle had been reported stolen to Richmond police the previous day.

■ **PRELUDE STOLEN** — A 1992 Honda Prelude was taken from Cutting Boulevard at San Pablo Avenue sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 8:10 p.m.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, March 14

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — Someone stole power tools and a generator from a construction site on the 500 block of Madison Street during the night.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue reported that during the day someone broke into his home and stole several items. There were no witnesses.

■ **ASSAULT** — At about 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance on the 1100 block of Cornell Avenue and arrested a 35-year-old Albany man for assault and making threats.

■ **GAS THIEF** — During the night someone siphoned half a tank of gasoline out of a white 2002 Nissan Xterra parked on the 800 block of Madison Street.

Wednesday, March 15

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A Berkeley man reported that between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. someone smashed the window of his blue 1994 Toyota while it was parked at the end of Buchanan Street and stole items from inside.

Thursday, March 16

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a green 1991 Honda Accord parked on the 500 block of Jackson Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 5:30 p.m. someone smashed the window of a black 2000 Volkswagen Jetta parked at the waterfront and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about 11:30 p.m., officers responded to 535

Pierce St. on reports of two people possibly smoking marijuana in the parking garage. Officers arrested a 20-year-old Albany man for drug possession.

■ **HIT AND RUN ARREST** — At about 6:45 p.m., officers responded to the area near San Pablo Avenue and Castro Street because of a hit-and-run accident between a bicyclist and a silver 2004 Ford. The vehicle was seen leaving the area traveling south on San Pablo Avenue, and witnesses gave officers the license plate number. An ambulance was called for the cyclist. A short time later officers located the vehicle and arrested the driver, a 55-year-old Albany man, for hit-and-run with injuries.

Friday, March 17

■ **DUI** — At about 12:30 a.m., officers arrested a 42-year-old Oakland woman driving a silver Honda on San Pablo Avenue near Camelia for DUI.

■ **VANDALISM** — During the night someone shot out the window of a brown 1988 Toyota Camry parked on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue with a pellet-type gun.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers stopped a white Cadillac on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 34-year-old Oakland man, for an outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended license and for failure to appear in the amount of \$11,758.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that someone had broken the bathroom window in an attempt to get inside the house. There were no witnesses.

Friday, March 17

■ **ARMED ROBBERIES** — Two armed robberies took place on the Ohlone Greenway at Manila Avenue on March 17-18. At 6 p.m. on March 17, two juveniles took cash from a victim. At 2:50 p.m. on March 18, a juvenile pointed a gun at a man and demanded cash. The robber then ran off with a second juvenile standing nearby.

■ **LAPTOP STOLEN** — A laptop computer was taken from an apartment on the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue between 7:55 a.m. and 10:20 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — Some \$500 worth of tools were taken from a home on the 8300 block of Kent Court sometime between 6 p.m. on March 18 and noon the next day.

■ **4RUNNER TAKEN** — A 1988 Toyota 4Runner was taken from the 900 block of Galvin Drive sometime between 5:30 p.m. on March 18 and 8:15 a.m. the next day.

■ **PURSE TAKEN** — A woman's purse was taken from her as she walked into Walgreens at 6:35 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

■ **PIZZA THIEF** — Shortly before 6 p.m., a man described as a black adult, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, wearing a Denver Broncos jersey with a white number "3" on it, came through the front door of the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue and stole a pizza off a table. He then ran out the door, and was last seen running north on San Pablo Avenue with someone in pursuit.

■ **ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN** — At about 6:30 p.m., a resident on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue reported observing a group of five or six juveniles attempting to break into a storage room on the Cornell School playground. They were last seen running north toward Solano Avenue, and were gone when officers arrived.

■ **DUI AND WARRANT** — Officers stopped a silver 1995 Mazda near Buchanan and Adams streets for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 39-year-old Oakland man, for DUI and driving with a suspended license. He was also found to have an outstanding warrant out of Santa Cruz in the amount of \$2,000 for driving with a suspended license.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Shortly before midnight officers responded to the 900 block of Kains Avenue on reports of an argument between a woman and two men. They arrested the 26-year-old Richmond woman, who appeared to be intoxicated, for disorderly conduct.

Sunday, March 19

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the morning someone broke into a silver 2002 Honda on the 1000 block of

Sunday, March 19

■ **TRUCK STOLEN** — A pickup truck was taken from the 1000 block of Belmont Avenue sometime between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A Toyota Camry on the 800 block of View Drive, the vehicle was investigated by a Dodge Caravan that had been from the same location in the past day. That vehicle was located on Sea View Drive at Stockton.

Monday, March 20

■ **ASSAULT, ROBBERY** — A man was knocked to the ground during a robbery at the intersection of Santa Clara and Cambridge avenues at 12:40 p.m. The man's purse and cash were taken.

■ **CELL PHONE TAKEN** — A man took a cell phone from a Lincoln and Clayton avenues p.m.

Santa Fe Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **CHP ASSISTANT** — All officers received a call from a man who said a gold 1993 Buick LeSabre had been involved in a hit and run. The man was currently in Albany near Solano and Solano Avenue. They were questioning assistance to a bicyclist who had fled the vehicle.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A 1995 Honda Accord parked on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue was stolen.

■ **DUI** — At about 9:30 p.m., officers arrested a 27-year-old Richmond man driving a maroon 1987 Cadillac on the 1100 block of Kains Avenue.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — Shortly after 10 p.m., officers arrested a 22-year-old Berkeley man at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore Parkway.

Monday, March 20

■ **ASSAULT** — A resident of Pierce St. reported that two men had approached her from behind and knocked her to the ground. She did not see the man who was able to give officers a description of the vehicle they left in.

Weekly summary

Officers responded to 125 calls and stopped 46 vehicles on calls, issuing eight citations and warnings. Firefighters responded to four medical emergencies.

Police make arrest in school pot case

Police have arrested a 16-year-old El Cerrito High School student in connection with the distribution of THC-laced cookies this month on campus.

Campus officials learned of the cookies two weeks ago, when a student who ate one without realizing it contained drugs fell ill and went to the hospital, El Cerrito police Cpl. Don Horgan said. Tests showed the presence of THC, the compound that gives

marijuana its potency. Last week police arrested the suspect, who had purchased butter with the drug near a marijuana dispensary in Berkeley made 20 cookies with it, Horgan said. He sold 16 cookies to mates (four others were sold to him). At least six students suspect claimed that they sold them to know who was receiving. He went into Juvenile Hall in Martinez on suspicion of drug charges.

El Cerrito woman honored at capitol

El Cerrito Mayor Janet Abelson was honored Monday in Sacramento as one of California's women of year for 2006.

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock chose Abelson based on her work on transportation, education and environmental issues. Hancock represents the 14th Assembly District.

Among other things, Abelson served last year as chair of the Contra Costa Transportation

Committee; serves as officer on the 32nd District Parent Teacher Association Board; and has chaired El Cerrito's Earth Day volunteer clean-up event for more than 10 years.

"I'm very excited and honored about this award," Abelson said. "I very much appreciate that I was chosen, and that (Hancock) thinks highly enough of me to choose me."

Abelson was among 120 women honored on the floor of the Assembly on Monday morning as part of Women's History Month.

— Alan Lopez

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Neighbors

A wave of remembrance for waving Mr. Charles

FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS I haven't been able to drive past the corner of ... Street and Martin Luther ... Way in Berkeley without ... a twinge of sadness. ... because Mr. Charles isn't ... anymore.

... I'm not the only one. ... him so much," says ... City Manager Arietta ... "I think of him every

... of people in Berkeley ... way. He died March 29, ... week after his 92nd ... and the city has never ... mourning.

... name was Joseph W. ... but everyone knew him ... Berkeley Waving Man. For ... 30 years, from Oct. 6, ... Oct. 6, 1992 (Mr. Charles ... very precise about these ... he donned yellow con- ... workers' gloves, stood ... of his house, and waved ... morning commute traffic. ... smiling!" he'd call out ... "Have a GOOD day!" ... they did smile. And they ... back.

... was a joyful person who ... people, and we loved him ... back," says Assembly- ... Loni Hancock. "Seeing ... morning was a great ... start the day."

... fact, many people would ... out of their way, just ... could start their day off ... to the Waving Man. ... also served as surrogate ... neighbor to neighborhood ... who used his front yard ... playground — much to ... of parents, who knew ... old count on Mr. Charles ... them safe from harm.

... Charles was born March ... in Lake Charles, La. ... he was young he played in ... Leagues as manager ... and baseman for the ... Charles Black Yankees. He ... ended once against Satchel ... when the great pitcher ... through town on a tour. He ... out on three pitches. ... at least I got a foul tip," ... said proudly, "which ... than anyone else did."

... World War II, he ... the great African-Ameri- ... gation out of the South to ... diamond shipyards, where ... build the ships that



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

won the war. After the war, he worked as a stevedore at the Oakland Naval Supply Center.

But it was all just a prologue to his true calling — waving.

It may seem like a small thing, but how many of us have done as much? The Bible says, "Love your neighbor," and that's exactly what he did: He wished them a good day. And he meant it.

And they got the message. When Superior Court Judge Julie Conger's daughter, Dylan, was a little girl, she made her mom drive her past Mr. Charles' house every day.

"Mommy, it's like having a blessing bestowed on us," she explained.

When he died, I figured that was the end of the story. But I was wrong.

Remember I said he was a kindly surrogate grandfather to the neighborhood children? They're all grown up now, but they haven't forgotten him.

One of them, Denisha De-Lane, used to wave to him every Sunday morning on her way to church. Now she volunteers for the Berkeley NAACP, advising the organization's Youth Council.

On Wednesday, what would have been his 96th birthday, she and a half dozen of the kids stood in front of his house and waved to the traffic. They wore yellow gloves, just like the ones he used to wear, and held up signs reading — what else? — "Keep smiling!" and "Have a GOOD day!"

They plan to do it every year on his birthday, forever and ever.

I drove by that day, just as I do every day. And for the first time in four years, I was smiling from ear to ear.

Keep smiling. And have a GOOD day.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

FACES & PLACES

El Cerrito student wins \$2,000 scholarship

El Cerrito High School senior Alex Pfeifer-Rosenblum came away a winner after entering an original composition titled "Winter Bloom" in the inaugural original composition competition at the Reno Jazz Festival, hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno. His winning entry in the small ensemble category gets a \$200 cash prize and a \$2,000 scholarship to UNR's jazz studies program, should he enroll there.

The festival, now in its 44th year, takes place April 27-29 and attracts some 11,000 participants annually. Pfeifer-Rosenblum will be given a plaque, and his song might be played at the jazz showcase that climaxes the festival.

— Chris Treadway

ECHS CONSTRUCTION: Site work is starting — finally — at El Cerrito High School, and the West Contra Costa school district has sent notices to residences around the school that trucks and heavy equipment will be in use and traveling on Central and Ashbury avenues. Work is being done weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

— Chris Treadway

FREE BODY IMAGE WORKSHOP: The public is invited to a free workshop on Understanding and Helping with Body Image at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the multipurpose room at Windrush School, 1800 Elm St., El Cerrito. The session, which will be led by licensed clinical social worker and health educator Shelly Ball, is a workshop for parents, caregivers and anyone who works with children. Ball, who has worked with schools, community groups and health clinics for the past 19 years, will discuss common issues concerning food and body image, and ways to help children develop a positive sense of their own bodies.

The presentation is intended for adults only. For more details, call 510-970-7580 or visit www.windrush.org.



ST. JEROME SCHOOL

ST. JEROME SCHOOL in El Cerrito was awarded a \$2,500 Tech grant from the Best Buy electronics retail chain for technology use at the school. Students responded by making a giant card containing hearts bearing all the names of the school's students and staff. Camille Cummings and Jahrena Pearson present the card to Anthony Gilliam, manager at Best Buy in Pinole.

— Chris Treadway

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS: The 48th annual West Contra Costa Science Fair awards were handed out last month at Contra Costa College. Special cash awards were presented by Bio-Rad Laboratories to Pasha Reshetikhin and Paul Stanislav from Portola Middle School in El Cerrito. Bio-Rad also presented a special award to Rebecca Aptaker of Portola for best first-place biological project.

Here is a list of local winners: El Cerrito High School, 11th grade

Mathematics and computers: Lukas Roots, second place. Physical science: David Aptaker, second; Jeremy Tsang, third.

Portola Middle School, 7th grade

Biology: Latetia Bobo, fourth; Mariana Castro, second; Tyler Smalls, third. Physical science: Dylan Gonzalez, fourth.

Portola Middle School, 8th grade

Behavioral science: Elizabeth Pedroza, fourth. Biology: Rebecca Aptaker, first; Andrew Brewer, second. Mathematics

and computers: Pasha Reshetikhin, second. Physical science: Blake Chan, fourth; Elizabeth Chen, fourth; Zach Houser, third; Illene Lee, third; Jonathan Lee, third; Mahnoosh Moghadam, third; Sean O'Connor, fourth; Kaitlyn Sandel, third; Ann Saturay, third; Daniel Schumacher, fourth; Keith Soneda, third; Paul Stanislav, second; Alysa Sweeney, fourth; Zoe Tamaki,

second; Thomas Won, third; Stephanie Wong, third.

— Craig Lazzaretto

RECORDER PERFORMANCE: Helga Wilking, the president of the East Bay Recorder Society, will present a solo recital of contemporary recorder music at noon Saturday at A Cheerful Noyse, a new music store at 1228 Solano Ave., Albany. Call 510-524-0411 to learn more.

— Chris Treadway

RESIDENT HONORED: El Cerrito resident Patricia Durham was among the women honored recently at the sixth annual Contra Costa County National Women's History Month event.

Durham coordinates the city's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade and rally, and is youth director at St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in El Cerrito. She also helps local high school students compete in the NAACP ACT-SO national academic competition program.

She was honored at the March 11 event for ecumenical activism. Kensington resident Gail Feldman was also honored at the event for civic responsibility.

The event was sponsored by Contra Costa College and the West County Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

— Alan Lopez

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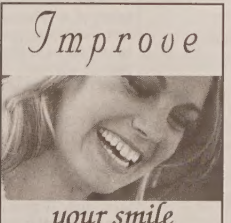
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cats of various ages, sizes and colors.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.



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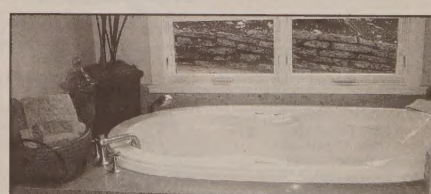
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

GUEST COMMENTARY

BART must do more to safeguard bikes

By Justin Lehrer

I AM A BART bike-theft victim. Both my wife and I bike to the North Berkeley BART station every day. Between us, we have had no fewer than four occasions in the past 18 months where our property was stolen from this BART station.

Three of the four incidents involved the entire bike getting stolen; the fourth was a seat and rear tire. We do what we can to avoid these situations; we use thick Kryptonite U-Locks and lock both the front wheel and the frame to the bike rack. We promptly upgraded to Kryptonite's new locking system after the Bic pen loophole was publicized. We even make an extra effort to lock our bikes within view of the station agent's booth whenever possible.

It makes no difference. Three of four times, the bikes were stolen in broad daylight, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Bike thieves have taken to using car jacks to pry open Kryptonite locks. I can tell you as a victim this method works well.

It doesn't take a victim to know there is a problem here. Walk by any bike rack at a BART station, and you will find a graveyard of stripped frames among the locked-up bikes. There is one stripped-down TREK road bike frame at North Berkeley BART that has been there for more than three months. The car jack is still wedged in the U-Lock, which is bent somewhat out of shape.

Leaving these violated frames in the rack for such an extended period reduces the number of available spots for other bikers, and suggests that BART doesn't care enough to maintain this area.

When is BART going to start taking steps to safeguard the property of its riders? BART police have told me point-blank that bike theft is not a priority

for them. They do not have any security cameras trained on the bike rack area; even a fake camera serves as a visual deterrent.

When the most recent theft occurred, after waiting 20 minutes for BART police to arrive, the station agent asked my wife whether she still wanted them to come and file a report. Just because 20 minutes had passed didn't mean the crime, or its impact, was no longer significant.

BART is sending a clear message to its riders that they do not care about safety and security around the bike racks, or about customer satisfaction.

Here are some basic, inexpensive steps BART can take to address this situation:

1. Post signs that the bike racks are under surveillance and crimes will be punished to the full extent of the law.

2. Install security cameras. Whether they are on or not, they are an important visual deterrent.

3. Remove the ransacked frames of bikes that have been vandalized or partially stolen after a reasonable period of time (one to two weeks).

Once these initial steps are taken, BART can step up and take even more action that will have an impact:

4. Install bike racks inside the stations, within the turnstiles. Some stations have a surplus of available space for this.

5. Raise the priority of these crimes for the BART police force. I'm not suggesting this is more important than human safety, but property theft is a common issue at BART stations. Having an officer focus on bike theft prevention for even a portion of the time is bound to have an impact.

Bikes are a critical component of the commute for many BART riders. When will BART realize this and take action?

Lehrer is a resident of Berkeley.

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THE MADNESS CONTINUES

Bob, I'm sorry the Bears didn't move on.



You know, it doesn't matter. I'd be dressing like this for the rest of March either way.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Well worth the price

Some people who have benefited from the rise in the value of their property in the last few decades are strangely reluctant to fund the city services that have encouraged that increase.

A case in point are the opinions expressed in this newspaper recently against the El Cerrito Landscape and Lighting District assessment, LLAD 2006. Our vote on this issue will determine whether an existing assessment can be replaced by a slightly higher assessment.

In the case of my home, LLAD 2006 would mean an increase from \$72 to \$103.50 per year, plus an inflation index. This money would be spent on parks, greenways, city recreational facilities and street lighting.

I like to keep my house in good repair and my yard attractive. Similarly, I like to live in a well-groomed community. And I expect to pay for the services to keep my community looking good. Parks, greenways and street lighting are very important to me. I also want our public meeting spaces, like the Arlington Clubhouse, to be well-maintained, not rundown and tacky looking.

These very basic amenities underpin the resale value of my home. The increase I will pay if the LLAD passes is a small price to pay for the satisfaction of living in a community I can be proud of.

Bonnie MacKenzie
El Cerrito

Artificial burrowing owl habitat

The East Bay Regional Park District is considering a proposal to construct an artificial burrowing owl habitat on the Albany plateau. The habitat was proposed by the city of Berkeley as a mitigation measure for its Gilman Street playing fields, which could potentially impact the owl's habitat.

Albany's plateau area offers a unique open space recreation resource. The protected owl habitat would be enclosed by a welded steel fence that would make more than half of the Albany plateau permanently unavailable for any kind of recreational use.

The mitigated negative declaration that Berkeley prepared for the Gilman Street playing fields proposed a permanent owl habitat on the Albany plateau "or other approved mitigation site." However, according to the principal planner at Berkeley, no alternatives to the Albany site were even considered.

This is unfortunate, since the Berkeley Meadow area near the sports fields would appear to be a much better location for the habitat. The Meadow area is a large, 75-acre site that's designated for habitat conservation. The Eastshore State Park general plan specifically states the Meadow would provide suitable foraging habitat for burrowing owls.

Since the entire Meadow area is already designated for habitat conservation, there would be no need to construct expensive fencing. The late Jean Siri, the representative for Berkeley and Albany on the Park District board, stated the Berkeley Meadow area would provide a better habitat than the Albany site because of the considerable cost to fence the Albany plateau.

The proposed burrowing owl habitat is a bad deal for Albany, a bad deal for the park district, and most likely a bad deal for the owl.

The Albany City Council is being

asked to "comment" on the proposed habitat. The council should do more than comment. The council should use its influence here to correct this situation and protect a valuable resource in Albany.

Clay Larson
Albany

BART and terrorists

The BART fire on March 9 brings some thoughts to mind.

Trash was the source of the fire — no trash cans were present. The trash cans were apparently removed after 9/11 to protect us from terrorists. And most of the restrooms were locked, for the same reason.

I suppose a bunch of terrorists could hide in the restrooms and spring out in a surprise attack, but what would they do with the trash cans? If the trash that caused the fire could have been deposited in trash cans instead, wouldn't the fire have been prevented in the first place?

We certainly don't need BART fires. How about putting the trash cans back. And for heaven's sake, unlock those restrooms!

Geraldine N. Judd
El Cerrito

A solution

There have been many comments on the statement by President Bush that we need to overcome our addiction to oil.

None have tried to address the basic cause of escalating use, especially gasoline. Any busy morning on Highway 4, Interstate 80 or Highway 24 has the roads packed with cars. Why? Because so many have moved from urban centers to suburbs.

Why is that? Because the cost of housing has risen so much in urban centers. Why is that? Does it cost less to build a given dwelling in the suburbs? No. What, then, has boosted the cost? The price of land sites. Why is this? Fixed supply and increased demand, a basic economic force.

Is there a solution? Yes. Reduce the cost of land sites by increasing the tax on their values and reduce the cost of buildings by reducing — or better, yet, eliminating — the taxing of their values.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Feral predators

In a recent news article, an advocate of releasing feral cats into the wild dismissively trivialized the effect on declining populations of native birds and wildlife. She blamed habitat loss more.

But feral cats and other non-native, in-

vasive species do eliminate useful habitat for native fauna. Native species if they elude the cats' fangs and claws often can no longer nest or live in human-introduced cats prowling.

Our state bird, the California quail, has disappeared from areas including feral cats. One hungry, meat-loving cat can kill hundreds of songbirds and mammals a year.

Releasing a "fixed" cat back into the wild is as sensible as returning an abandoned Chevy to the wild after kindly moving the toxic antifreeze. The Chevy remains an unnecessary blight on human thoughtlessness.

Abandoned Chevys belong in the yards and feral predators belong in the

Launch investigation

This administration has been involved in various illegal activities, including tapping, without proper authority. It is imperative that the Senate launch a full investigation of this admitted illegal behavior.

Fletcher
El Cerrito

Abandoned middle

As a pragmatic progressive, I have been "loony left" fundamentally responsible for the hijacking of my party.

Moderate Republicans depend on the well-defined Democratic agenda to the GOP from drifting to the right. Unfortunately, adhering to the idea that weaknesses are best concealed by denying another's faults, the current Democratic "leadership" believes that stant, even manufactured, criticism is better than a clear alternative agenda. (Indeed, Bush should have gone to the Gulf Coast and, like King Canby, personally stopped Hurricane Katrina in its tracks.)

While eschewing the self-anointed most liberals assume as a birthright, I grow increasingly concerned that the cynicism in place of solution will cause their polarization, bitterness and inefficiency.

With both parties drifting to extremes, maybe the abandoned middle should be its own. Could constructive senators as John McCain, Dianne Feinstein or Joe Lieberman be interested?

Larry
El Cerrito

Stop the insanity

I feel as if I'm living in the "Brave New World," where words mean the opposite, such as peace means war. Sound familiar?

Some guys from Saudi Arabia want the World Trade Center, and we don't want war on Iraq! "No Child Left Behind" means they are left behind. Supporting the Afghan people means we have to send the country to warlords who have destroyed 40 schools for girls.

Politicians are using a Christian code to pretend a morality they don't have, as they hand out tax dollars to their greedy beyond-words cronies instead of helping the needy in this country.

We must stop this insanity now!

Suzanne
Albany

Some of these letters are reprinted from editions of the Contra Costa Times.

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It's never too late to get in shape

Q I know it is very late, but I would still like to make a resolution (maybe not a New Year's) to get in shape both mentally and physically. Where do I start?

A: Right you are, it is late for a New Year's resolution, but it is never too late to start getting yourself in shape. I hope you give it a good effort. It is so important.

The first consideration is to make sure that you are physically fit enough to exercise vigorously. If you have not had a physical examination recently, be sure to see your physician and get a check-up.

When you are sure that you are fit, you can decide what type of physical regimen will be best for you. If you have had no physical exercise, be sure to start off very easily. A moderately paced walk in a flat area is one suggestion. If you have a friend who could join you, it is often more inviting, and you might be more likely to make yourself get busy.

Once started, gradually increase the difficulty of the exercise, and possibly the duration as well. You might also join a gym to get some knowledgeable information about various types of exercise that would be appropriate for you. This should get you started on your physical exercise program. Now let's talk about beginning your mental fitness.

How much mental activity



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

do you engage in? Do you do puzzles of any kind? There are numerous types in the daily newspapers that could get you started. Usually you can find crosswords, jumbles, cryptograms and fairly recently, there have appeared Sudoku puzzles as well. If you prefer number problems, the Sudoku may be for you. All the others involve words.

Personally, I prefer word puzzles, but I know a number of people who have recently jumped on the Sudoku bandwagon, and they are thoroughly captivated.

To further your mental fitness, you should also try to improve your awareness and pay close attention to your surroundings and the things that are going on there. Be sure to observe using all five senses and look, listen, touch, taste and smell anything with which you come in contact.

It may take some practice if you are not in the habit of per-

forming such actions. Try observing something edible first, such as a pretzel stick or a cracker. That facilitates using all the senses, while people are often adverse to tasting an inedible object.

A walk is another way to improve your observation skills. Once again, use all five senses to discover as many things as possible about the area where you are walking. If you have a friend with you, it may be even more informative because you can ask each other questions, and the chance of missing some details is reduced. For example: How many cars passed by? What color were the roses on the corner?

Improving communication skills will also help your mental fitness. The most important part of communication is listening; so work hard on paying attention to what people are saying.

These ideas should get you started on a physical and mental fitness program. Good luck — you will benefit from the efforts.

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniemw@aol.com. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults, and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For information on books and classes, call 510-466-5833.

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— Craig Lazeretti

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Albany

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you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact ltopm@earthlink.net. It currently has an immediate opening and two positions starting next fall.

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE: Got a question for the principal? Here's your chance to ask it in an informal setting with Principal Ron Rosenbaum and other AHS parents at the principal's coffee on Friday, March 31, at 8 a.m. in the principal's conference room in the main office. You may submit your questions ahead of time to Ron at ron@albany.k12.ca.us or just show up.

FLOWER PURCHASES: Your flower purchases can help fund graduation night events for graduating seniors. Make flower purchases at Golden Poppy, 1160 Solano, same block as the post office across the street, or La Vie en Rose, 1272 Solano, directly across from the Key Route center divider. At time of purchase, just tell them to put your purchase down on their list for the Class of 2006. Once on that list, 5 percent of your purchase is contributed to the Class of 2006 graduation activities.

SHOE DRIVE: Have any shoes that you don't wear any more? If so, donate them to the LEO's Club shoe drive before March 27. Drop shoes off in room 110. The shoes will be donated to Hurricane Katrina victims. Please donate only shoes that are in good, wearable condition.

Albany Middle School

COUNSELING SESSIONS: On March 28, the Albany High School counselors will be talking with all eighth graders about high school course selections in their English classes. There will be parent information nights on Tuesday, March 28, for families with last names beginning A-L and on Wednesday, March 29, for families with last names beginning M-Z. These meetings will take place at 7 p.m. in the Albany High School gym.

OPEN REGISTRATION: Registration is under way for students of families living in Albany who do not presently have a child enrolled in the Albany schools. Registration is between 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

Families should come to the AMS school office and have proof of residency and immunization forms. Information is available from school secretary Jazz at 510-558-3615.

Cornell Elementary

STAR TESTS: Students in grades 2-5 will take the STAR reading, language and math tests April 25 through May 12. Parents are asked to make sure their child is in school during this time and avoid appointments, vacations, etc. during this period.

BOOK FAIR: The PTA's annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming up next week. Volunteers are needed before, during and after school to help. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the library on the PTA bulletin board. For more information, contact Kim Waters at 510-558-9314.

Marin Elementary

HUNDRATHON: Many families have made Hundrathon donations, and the total as of last week was \$19,150. To donate, mark "Hundrathon" on and envelope and send it to the office.

Ocean View Elementary

CHORUS MEETINGS: The chorus will continue to meet on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room; how-

El Cerrito

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kindergarten in fall 2006 need to register in March. Registration hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For tips on registering your child and information about kindergarten, visit hardingpta.org/school/newstudent

CONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE: Meetings are held every other Friday at 8:45 a.m. in the Harding Conference Room. All parents are welcome. The next meeting is Friday, March 31.

OPEN HOUSE: An open house will be held Thursday, April 13, from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. All classrooms will be open.

Kensington Elementary

SPRING CARNIVAL: The Kensington Hilltop School's PTA and Dads' Club will host the school's 58th annual spring carnival on Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The carnival will include a wide range of games for kids of all ages, a great selection of

ever, there is a schedule of events instead of Wednesday. Meetings will be on Thursday 30 at 8:30 a.m.

GARDEN CLEAN-UP: Garden day is now scheduled for May 17. Plant orders: The PTA is now scheduling for delivery of plants. Information, contact Connie Lynch at 510-558-9314.

LEADERSHIP BOARD: Parents are considered becoming a member of the leadership board. All members will be invited to the PTA meeting for more information.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Parent volunteers are needed for Santa Cruz Jazz Festival. Parents needed from the morning of March 31 to the afternoon of April 2. Contact Marybeth Coffa at coffa@aol.com for further information and to volunteer.

E-mail school notes to Bob Menzinger at megabob@pacbell.net

prizes, lunch offerings, Club grill, treats from the fire department, and a visit to the fire station. It has been the case for the past several years, a quilt designed by Kensington parents will be that afternoon. For information, contact Alison Roberts (alisonroberts@earthlink.net) or Walt Gill (WaltGill@comcast.net).

E-mail items for school journal at cctimes.com

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People

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MATH AND SCIENCE CONFERENCE: The West Contra Costa chapter of the American Association of University Women and the West Contra Costa school district are sponsoring a math and science conference on Wednesday at UC Berkeley for 325 girls in the district in grades 7-11, reports AAUW member Patricia Player of El Cerrito. More than 35 women working in various fields who rely on math and science skills will present a variety of interactive workshops, and NASA engineer Kim Ennix will be the keynote speaker.

— Chris Treadway

ACADEMIA: Emma Jessop Goulart of Albany, a junior family and human services major, and Matthew Junichi Takimoto of El Cerrito, a freshman music major, were named to the dean's list for the fall term at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

— Chris Treadway

DANCE REUNION: Katie Maltzberger, owner of Katie's Dance Studio & Co. in El Cerrito, is planning a reunion show for alumni dancers on June 24. Her dance studio is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and she would like to contact as many alumni as possible to participate in the show. If you are an alumni or know one, contact

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in the city that work with

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"They needed to make an appointment ahead of time, and once everything is approved, they can be in business," Joe Doser, a supervising environmental health

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THE BAY AREA'S FLOORING CHOICE SINCE 1932

Waterfront

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If approved, the initiative would prohibit development from within 600 feet of the water. It would place a moratorium on development approvals while a committee drafts a plan dedicating most of the land to open space.

It's not the first time the council has discussed plans to limit waterfront development.

Last summer, City Councilman Robert Lieber attempted to create a similar moratorium but did not receive any backing from the rest of the council.

On Monday, a similar fate met Lieber's effort to call for an impeachment of the president and vice president. He wanted the city to consider a resolution calling for the investigation, impeachment or resignation of President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

Several residents agreed with him. However, council members and others said that while they disliked the president's policies, they believed a call for his impeachment was politically unwise or beyond the city's purview.

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Skinner

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But in other parks where they have ground-nesting birds, the district has been careful not to allow off-leash dogs in these areas because that's obviously not compatible.

Another example is Tilden Park. It's a very high human use area, and yet it also has a high population of newts. And every year when they mate they return to the same place, which requires them to cross a road in the park.

So to protect them, the Park District closes off the road during the months that the newts require the path. And yet there's just as many people using Tilden Park as there were before the road was closed. So it hasn't impacted negatively on people's use, but it also protects the newts.

Q: There have been complaints that the Eastshore State Park is not being well-maintained in certain areas. Your response?

A: The Eastshore State Park is still a work in progress. There are still some lands to be acquired to fulfill the master plan, and the provision of facilities and trails on different parts of it are going in stages. It's going to be a few years before all the

PROFILE

- **NAME:** Nancy Skinner
- **TITLE:** newest member of the East Bay Regional Parks Board of Directors
- **AGE:** 51
- **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in Conservation and Resource Studies, UC Berkeley 1977; master's in Environmental Education, UC Berkeley, 1989
- **OCCUPATION:** U.S. Director of The Climate Group, a non-governmental organization that helps states and Fortune 500 companies reduce emissions that cause global warming.
- **RESIDENCE:** Berkeley
- **FAMILY:** Married with one daughter, a student in culinary school.

stages happen.

Q: For instance?

A: I know the city of Albany has concerns regarding the Albany bulb, which is currently managed by the city but will be part of the Eastshore Park.

Clearly, there are some users of the bulb who love it just as it is. But for other users, there's the fact that there's concrete and rebar sticking out in many places. It's very hazardous. I haven't looked at all the development phases yet to know where that is in the timeline, but it's going to take a number of years.

The sports fields are also part of Eastshore Park, and they're also going to be developed in phases, too. The soccer fields will be first, with the baseball diamond and the softball fields to follow later.

Q: How do you envision the future of the Albany shoreline on the land now occupied by Golden Gate Fields?

A: I understand how the city of Albany feels. It has received a very healthy amount of revenue from Golden Gate Fields, and they're concerned about the loss of that revenue. They're trying to balance the need for the shoreline with the need to recover some of that revenue (should the racetrack close). It's inevitably going to be played

out on the ballot...

Q: You were appointed to fill out the remainder of Jean Siri's term, which expires at the end of the year. Will you run in your own right in November?

A: Yes.

Q: Why?

A: When we look at the Bay, so much of it is cut off and treated like a wasteland. We were insensitive to this wonderful resource. To have the opportunity to restore public access to this invaluable treasure is a great opportunity.

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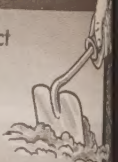
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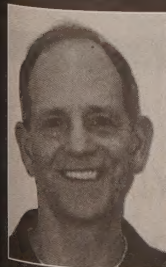
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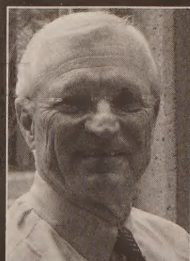


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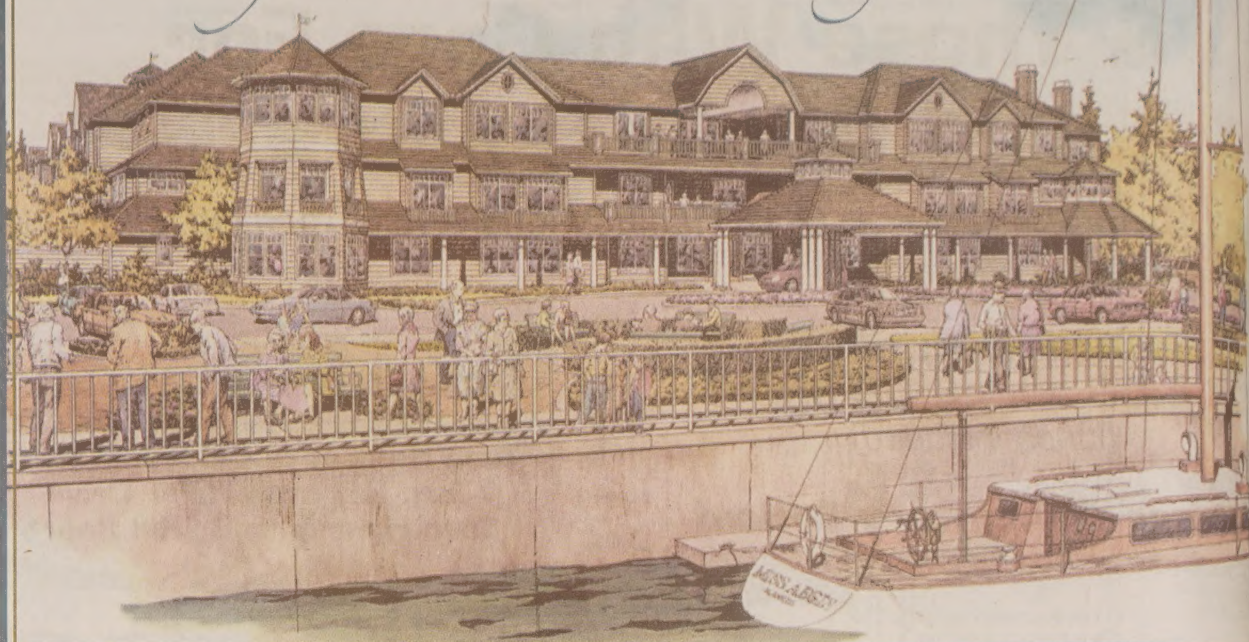
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TUDOR REVIVALHOME at 1200 San Antonio Ave. makes a bold statement in Alameda's Gold Coast neighborhood.

Impressive Tudor Revival graces Alameda's Gold Coast

DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

18th century British landscaped architects O'Brien & when they designed the English bedroom, five-bath and residence in Alameda's Gold Coast neighborhood in Tappan Lum.

1910 creation offers the Edwardian-era details that

the current owners have complemented with modern upgrades. According to Alameda Museum curator George Gunn, Dr. Lum paid the handsome sum of \$13,420 to the architects and the builders, Rowe & Young, for the home.

As the home neared completion in April 1910, the Alameda Daily Argus praised the "elegant new home at the southeast corner of San Antonio Avenue and Bay Street."

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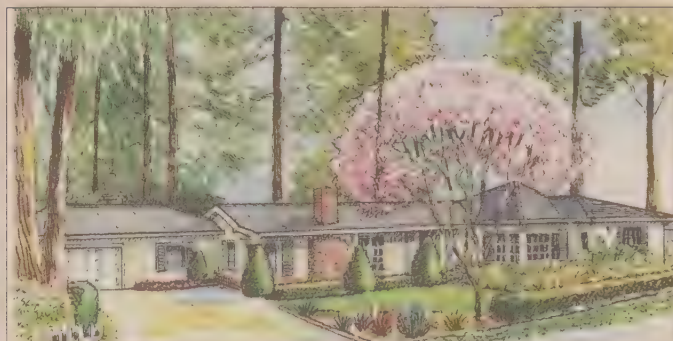
The newspaper went on to say that "the residence is equipped with the latest domestic conveniences and improvements."

The architects paid careful attention to details throughout the home, and the builders executed the design well.

Most noteworthy of these details is the home's dramatic exterior. Striking

Real Estate Spotlight:

Piedmont Pines with a view



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Price: \$1,125,000. Open March 26 and April 2 from 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Listing agent: Dee Knowland, Pacific Union, 510-338-1318, see photos at www.deeknowlandrealty.com.

ing decorative half-timbering beneath towering gables define the Tudor Revival style and offset the upper-level plaster exterior. The main-level exterior is the real attraction as it both contrasts with and complements the upper level.

The architects designed generous Tudor-style windows for the home's

masonry facade, which includes a porch and adjoining walkway.

As impressive as this home is from outside, its interior's impressive workmanship and design highlight the spacious, yet practical, living spaces.

This home was made for entertaining. The main level features a

enormous entry foyer, which is central to all main level spaces.

These spaces include a massive living room with hearth and an adjoining music room and parlor. The remodeled kitchen accommodates today's family's needs with features

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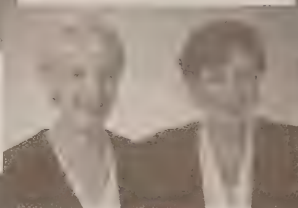
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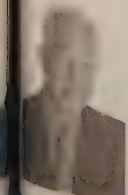


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WAINSCOTING AND PLASTER WALLS set the Tudor Revival theme in the living room at 1200 San Antonio Ave. in Alameda.

Home

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wood cabinetry, generous counter space and adjoining bar/counter.

The adjoining sunroom or atrium makes for a fantastic informal dining area. For more formal entertaining, however, the main dining room is a masterpiece of detail and scale. Here you'll find a wood-burning hearth and views of the back yard. A half bath and guest closet are near the foot of the grand staircase.

Stained glass windows light the way to the second and third levels. Four spacious bedrooms and three full baths grace the second level. Each bedroom is spacious and has either its own private bathroom and study or has convenient access to

a full bathroom and a family living area complete with wet bar. The north-facing rooms open onto a level through window doors. This second level also is the laundry room, which is nearly as large as a typical bedroom.

The third level features the master suite, the home's true showcase. Part of a previous remodel, the master suite features two full bathrooms, walk-in closets and views. An additional bedroom room with adjoining roof deck overlooking the back garden, would make an ideal nursery and study or family retreat. The entire space has been re-carpeted. This is a very sunny and open space with skylights and vaulted ceilings.

The basement features what many busy families expect these days but rarely find in classic turn-

of-the-century homes. Here you'll find a spacious exercise room perfect for private, uninterrupted work outs. An additional room has been used as a guest room, or office even as a recreation room and includes a fireplace. Also, a nearby bathroom. There is ample storage downstairs and the space also features an additional laundry/utility room.

This magnificent residence is located on one of Alameda's most prominent corner lots in one of Alameda's most distinguished Gold Coast neighborhoods. The 11,000 square foot lot lends itself to wonderfully lush landscaped front and back yards.

The back yard features an in-ground spa off a new deck. Perfect for a quiet evening retreat, the grand deck overlooks the garden and nearby two car garage and carport area.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: A Tudor Revival-style home in Alameda's Gold Coast neighborhood.

Size: A 6,400 square-foot home on an 11,000 square-foot lot

Bedrooms: Five-plus

Bathrooms: Five

Features: Early 16th century English architecture inspired this 6,400-square-foot Alameda Gold Coast gem. The home offers the best of turn-of-the-century details with lovely modern upgrades. Most noteworthy is dramatic exterior — plaster accents the striking decorative half-timbers beneath towering gables. The main level exterior contrasts the half timbering with its masonry facade, porch and adjoining walkway. The home's 11,000-square-foot lot lends itself to wonderfully landscaped front and back yards. The back yard features an in-ground spa just off a new deck. Perfect for a quiet evening retreat, the grand deck overlooks the garden and nearby two car garage and carport area.

Price: \$2,850,000

Listing agent: Don Lindsey, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-521-8181.



DENNIS EVANOSKY/STAFF

The finishing touches are being put on the elegant new home of Dr. William Tappan Lum at the southeast corner of San Antonio Avenue and Bay Street. The residence is equipped with all the latest domestic conveniences and improvements and is regarded by the builders as a model house.

The Alameda Daily Argus,
April 30, 1910

A CHANDELIER AND FIREPLACE add to the formality of the dining room at 1200 San Antonio Ave. in Alameda.

In the style of Renaissance English

■ The home at 1200 San Antonio Ave. in Alameda echoes English Renaissance buildings

Tudor Revival is another of the period revival style houses of the late 19th and early 20th century. Other revival styles include Georgian Revival, Spanish Revival, Colonial Revival, and Classical Revival. The period 1910-1930 was a time of free borrowing of historic styles as more people could afford single-family houses and there was no real consensus about a modern architectural style.

For this reason, houses in this period are sometimes lumped together as "period revival." Sometimes Tudor Revival is referred to as Elizabethan or Half-timbered.

Derived primarily from English Renaissance buildings of the 16th and early 17th centuries, including those of Elizabethan (Elizabeth I, 1558-1603) and Jacobean (James I, 1603-1625) periods.

Some Tudor houses mimic humble medieval cottages — they may even include a false thatched roof. Other Tudor homes borrow ideas from late medieval palaces. They may have overlapping gables, parapets, and beautifully patterned brick or stonework.

Enormously popular in the

1920s and 1930s, especially in the suburbs, where only the Colonial Revival rivaled it in popularity.

Modified versions became fashionable in the 1970s and 1980s.

Half-timbering

Characteristic of medieval buildings when the beams held the buildings up and the spaces between them were filled with plaster. A "half-timbered" building has exposed wood framing. The spaces between the wooden timbers are filled with plaster, brick, or stone.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, it became fashionable to imitate Medieval building techniques. Many Queen Anne and Stick style houses were given false half-timbering. Timbers were applied to wall surfaces as decoration.

In the U.S. however, half-timbering is only a decorative — albeit distinctive — covering of frame construction. In the United States, harsh winters made half-timbered construction impractical.

Features

■ Asymmetrical design

■ Bargeboard, also called a verge-board, gableboard

■ Cladding: wall cladding; patterned brick; stone wall cladding

■ Chimneys: commonly placed in prominent locations on the front or

side of the house; decorative; a spot for each flue; the chimney itself; a number of flues; a

■ Doorways: Vell...

■ Entry: Tudor style arches in door and small tabs of wood into surrounding wall; a quoin-like effect.

■ Exterior: From the generally either small, absent, side porch.

■ Half-timbering: tural, but decorative set into exposed w...

■ Roof: steep gable; nant front-facing gables; cross pitched gable dom...

■ Window features: dows; small leaved; small multiple-pane casement; ronds (bands, stri...

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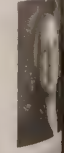
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ing their careers in real es-
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to several wonderful de-
ers. One of these talented
Craig Reece, founder and
Indian Rock Construction
in Berkeley, California.
who is both a contractor and
builder, and his wife, Anne
purchased their present West
home in 1989 for
home in 1989 for

dustrial, and modern live-work units,
with the Fourth Street retail district
to the north. Being very much of a
visionary, Craig could see the po-
tential of this property.
Anne and Craig decided to re-
model the duplex in stages. The
long-term goal was to finish the
property so that it had a rental unit
in the front with an owners' unit in
the back. They would live in the
back unit and add a second story,
then occupy the rear unit and the
added upstairs space.

They were very specific about
the parameters of the remodel
which included beautiful aesthet-
ics, the use of energy efficient and
non-toxic products, and staying
within the ever-present budgetary
constraints. Upon completion of
the project, Craig wanted to be

Craig should be proud of his accomplishments. His kitchen, as well as a
kitchen in Moraga that he designed and built, were both recently
published in Sunset Magazine's Before and After Kitchen Makeovers and
the innovative sliding glass window doors leading from his kitchen to the
lush back gardens won an award in a joint Sunset Magazine/ASID
Interior Architecture competition

able to use his home as a show-
case for creative designs and in-
teresting materials to give his
clients ideas for what they might
choose for their own building or re-
modeling projects.

The project began by making
the front unit more habitable and
Craig and Anne lived there for ten
years while storing all of his con-

struction supplies in the back unit.
In 1999 Craig began the remodel
of the back unit.

The first order of business was
to move all of his construction
equipment to a twenty-foot ocean-
going container that was placed
along one side of the house. With
a corrugated galvanized roof over
the container plus a tempered glass

breezeway roof section to prevent
the roof from blocking sunlight into
the house, and lots of fencing and
lush landscaping, the container was
cleverly concealed.

Indeed Craig should be proud
of his accomplishments. His
kitchen, as well as a kitchen in Mor-
aga that he designed and built,
were both recently published in



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Sunset Magazine's Before and Af-
ter Kitchen Makeovers and the in-
novative sliding glass window doors
leading from his kitchen to the lush
back gardens won an award in a
joint Sunset Magazine/ASID Interior
Architecture competition in 2001.

(The two 5' wide powder-coated
steel-and-oak doors and the pair of
5' wide bronze-screened screen
doors finished in semi-transparent
black aniline dye all slide into pock-
ets in the adjacent walls, creating a
10' wide opening.)

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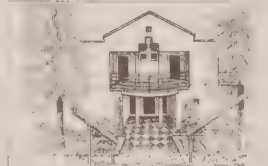
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The following are a few examples of his many creative techniques. The kitchen walls are integrally-colored plaster with a rich terra cotta color. There is a floating floor made of mahogany veneer over a top of cork inner layers with a clear matte vinyl on top of the mahogany (resulting in a floor that looks like — and is — real wood but is as easy to care for as vinyl.) A San Francisco company specializing in restaurant stainless steel sinks and counters made the kitchen counter tops and integral sink. The kitchen features an island sink as well as a prep sink with adjacent mahogany butcher blocks and California maple butcher blocks.

Solar panels on the roof provide electricity; the monthly bill from PG & E. is never over \$6.00 — the minimum required payment. Eighty percent of the lighting throughout the house is compact fluorescent. The space heating is via hydronic (hot water) baseboard heaters, the water is heated by an energy efficient Takagi demand-type water heater, to be assisted eventually by rooftop solar water collectors. The windows are dual glazed and the insulation in the walls is made from recycled "blue jean" scraps.

The upstairs floor is Marmoleum — a type of natural linoleum made from wood waste and linseed oil — all natural and sustainable, in a pale yellow marbled pattern. Velux "Suntunnels" and skylights bring natural light into the upstairs spaces. Low VOC (volatile organic

compounds) paint which is less toxic than ordinary paint was used throughout the house and all the appliances are energy efficient. The 4x12 deck-balcony rail caps at the front and rear of the house are recycled Douglas fir bridge timbers painted a pale yellow.

The existing foundation was not adequate for the proposed second story addition. Rather than replacing the foundation, Craig worked with his structural engineer to create a solution that would be about ten times less expensive than the usual approach of raising the house, demolishing the existing foundation, and replacing it with a foundation adequate for the new loads. Instead, his crew installed large concrete pads under the existing foundation, and posts and beams within the wall of the first story to carry large engineered-wood beams along the two side of the house — this system takes all of the new loads of the second story down to the newly-reinforced foundation.

The finished result of the second story is a master suite, an office/bedroom/music room, a guest bedroom, two full baths, a laundry room, extra storage, and two covered decks. The deck at the rear of the house is accessed via the master suite, and the front deck features a deeply cantilevered roof that is an homage to Bernard Maybeck's Mathewson house — albeit with a corrugated steel roof and industrial-style galvanized steel trusses above the cedar board-and-batten siding of the house. Craig calls this style "Industrial Caribbean Craftsman" while an architect friend in the

neighborhood calls it "Australian Modern."

The final piece-de-resistance is a secret 800-square-foot roof third floor roof deck with an amazing three-bridge view. "Secret" because it's not visible from the street, but is concealed by the corrugated roofing which only runs along the edge of the house except at the front and rear second story decks. Perfect for entertaining since Craig and Anne's guests can have complete privacy. The deck also provides space for a small vegetable garden — organic, of course.

Craig loves the process of building and he is pleased to watch the exciting results as he transforms so many of his projects from ordinary to extraordinary. To contact him directly and to see photos of projects he's designed and built, including his kitchen and the kitchen in Moraga, you can go to his Web site at www.IndianRockDesign.com or call 510-841-3607.

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Skyline High School is in the Oakland Hills, near the com-

pany's Montclair office.

Last year, and after years of budget cut-backs in Oakland's school districts, Skyline High's 45-acre campus was run-down and needed a thorough cleaning and landscape make-over. The Skyline Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Beautification Committee was subsequently reactivated after many years of inactivity. The committee began work to renovate the grounds of the campus and help support the school's groundskeeper. More than 80 volunteers from school and community helped with general cleanup, weeding and trim-

ming, planting, mulching, and removal of debris. Students designed planter boxes, classrooms, and to make it an annual event. Alain Pinel spearheaded the participation in this year's planting.

"This is such a great school and it was very exciting to see SKYLIN

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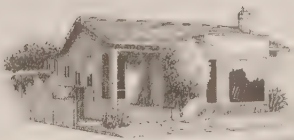
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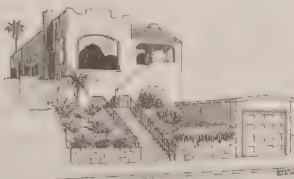
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wish I were,' said Annie

Number 464 in a series of true experiences in real estate. "That's something I wish we were," my daughter Annie said, "the kind of people who make cookies from scratch." I had just been talking about a client, a pretty and fun woman who has two big dogs and who bakes cookies often. Annie and I know, like her.

We fell again to a running discussion between us of things we were, individually or families. I started it by saying that I was the kind of person who could go to Europe with a backpack, moving about at whim, staying confidently wherever I went. "I'm not," I'd said.

"That's OK," said always reassuring Annie. "There's nothing wrong with wanting to know ahead of time where you're going to."

"I wish we were the kind of family that has people over for dinner," she said. "I told her, 'I'm probably never going to be a dinner guest. But I wish we liked picnics. People seem to enjoy fixing and packing it, taking it to the outdoors to eat, but we don't.'"

"I know another one," I went on. "I was a rock climber per-

son. Climbing rocks — what for?" Annie wanted to know. "I don't wish to climb. But I wish we went on vacations more often. And I wish we had a country club people."

"You do?" I asked, surprised. "I wish we had a country club people."

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So I asked if she wanted to be a golfer person? "No, not really," Annie answered.

I said I thought it would be good if we were tennis people. Did she?

"Yeah."

But, better, she told me, for us to be dog-and-puppy people. Better yet, that plus cats, kittens, goats and horses.

"Oh, and I wish we still lived in a two-story house," added Annie. "That's what I'm gonna have when I have a house, a real house with an upstairs."

"Well, I wish I could be a carpenter," I told her. "If only I had the talent to work well with wood, hammering up those studs and roof rafters."

Our conversations have got me to thinking about not what sort of people we wish we were but what sort of people we are. Not Annie,

who at 19 is barely formed, but Janet and me.

Right off and obvious, both Janet and I are list makers, and so I began to make a list.

We like people. We like our job and certainly enjoy sharing it. We are almost always on time. We try to be responsible and to be fair.

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We keep on hand extra supplies of things we use a lot, and we store them where we know we can find them. We both love sushi and pot roast. Neither of us will eat green peppers.

Anet loves to drive. I prefer riding. It works well. She pumps the gas, even washes the car windows. In spurts, we exercise. Not much backpacking, but treadmill walking occurs fairly often.



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terials. We love doing things that have beginnings, middles and endings. We are happiest when we are wrapping up things satisfactorily.

Anet is the talker, the negotiator, the empathetic listener. She's better than I am at patiently taking in every word and nuance of a story being told. I'm afraid that I tend to skip ahead, to form bigger pictures faster than is best.

She's a morning person, cheerfully chirping on the phone while I silently read the newspaper.

Anet hangs back to get complete satisfaction. I'm the one already in the car.

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Berkeley \$1,400,000
Alameda Victorian in the Heart of Berkeley - The "Sadler-Finney House." Exuberant 1889 home designed by Pattiani. Rich detailing, traditional double parlors, gourmet chef's kitchen, 4-6 BRs and 4 baths on 3 levels. A gorgeous example of restored period architecture. Top level has 360° views.

San Leandro \$759,000
Estadillo Estates - Vintage Traditional. Built circa 1938 this Art Deco traditional has generously proportioned spaces & wonderful natural light. Approx. 2,490 sq. ft. of living space w/3 large bedrooms, 2.5 tastefully updated baths, formal DR w/ built-in hutch. Lg. laundry rm, office, kitchen nook, oak floors, ample storage. Lg. attached 2-car garage.
764 Rodney Drive Open Sun 2-4
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El Cerrito \$739,900
Delightful 3+bedroom, 2-bath home with great San Francisco and Bay views. Updated kitchen and large formal dining room opens to tile viewing deck. Family room and big master suite. Au pair potential. Private landscaped gardens and yard.
2523 Tulare Ave. Open Sun 2-4:30
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Richmond/Marina Bay \$699,000
New price! Immaculate Contemporary-style home in Marina Bay. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, cathedral ceilings in living room. Bamboo flooring in living & dining rooms. Main level's circular floor plan is ideal for entertaining. French doors open to a slate patio and lawn area in a private setting.
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Oakland \$695,000
Renovated and expanded home with Craftsman features in the fashionable Temescal. Two bedrooms, two baths, gorgeous kitchen/family room. Lovely new master suite, large deck, fenced level garden.
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Berkeley \$630,000
Large condo in the heart of North Berkeley's best dining and shopping. Two bedrooms, two baths, balcony and enclosed sun porch. Radiant heat, gated parking, views east to the hills and west to San Francisco and the Bay.
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811 Contra Costa Dr. Contact Agent
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Skyline

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entire office around supporting the Skyline Beautification Day. Everyone knows the important relationship between the quality of schools and real estate, so it is a perfect fit for Realtors to jump in and help," said Castle. Kate Castle has been a Realtor for 14 years and works with her husband, Hal Castle, who has been a Realtor in the Montclair District the past 33 years.

For 2006, the PTSA have already purchased plants and watering cans for the planter boxes, planted more than 200 daffodils donated through the Keep Oakland Beautiful program, arranged for additional trash receptacles to be placed both around the athletic field and successfully lobbied Waste Management to install larger receptacles on Skyline Boulevard. The organization also renovated a garden that was decimated by deer.

Area residents who wish to contribute to the Skyline High School Beautification program can do so. Checks should be made payable to: Skyline HS PTSA - Beautification Committee and mailed to Skyline High School 12250 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94619, to the attention of the PTSA Treasurer.

For information contact Kate Castle in the Montclair office of Alain Pinel by calling 510-899-8007 or kcastle@apn.com. The Alain Pinel Realtors' office is at 6116 La Salle Ave. on the second floor in Montclair Village.

Tarpoiff

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her favorite purchases being office supplies and equipment discounted with coupons. I do edges well. I like to sweep floors, hate the noise of the vacuum, don't trust it to get the corners. I sweep the concrete in the garden, too, brush down cobwebs. Much of my gardening time is spent making clean edges.

Anet doesn't garden, doesn't like getting dirty, but she jumps at the chance to learn how to change a light fixture, fix a wonky doorknob, repair something on her car. It amazes me but she has frequently fixed a car just by wiggling things. She says the secret to electrical things is often to "give them a rest, then they'll work again,"; this seems to be true.

And she loves to run numbers, always has, all of her life. One of her most prized possessions as a young child was a calculator. She can gleefully sit for long periods of time working all the different combinations for paying off a loan, over different periods at various interest rates. Or figure the most satisfying way to distribute after-tax lottery winnings. (No, she hasn't won yet).

Anet follows national and international news, watches all the Sunday morning news commentators and interviews. I don't. I concentrate on all the little small-time people stories in my daily newspaper and magazine reading.

Once we were at the ocean together. Anet stood on a big rock looking out at the vast sea. She drank in its power. I was busy with much smaller scale. I called to her, "Look at this teeny little red flower. I've never seen one like it."

Then we traded places. Anet Tarpoiff & Pat Talbert are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2050 and at www.tarpoiffandtalbert.com.

If early retirement is an option, roll it over

You have put in long hours at the office for years, saved diligently even during the hard times and raised your children to be independent adults. Now, with early retirement quickly approaching, you know that your planning has finally paid off. But before you set out for some wild adventure, there might be some unfinished business you need to consider as an early retiree.

It is important to continue nurturing your retirement nest egg, even after you have quit work. But in order to do so, you will need to decide how to deal with it in a tax-efficient and financially prudent manner, especially if you are retiring early.

Instead of withdrawing all your retirement plan assets from your employer-sponsored plan - such as a 401(k), you may want to consider rolling all or part of it directly into a tax-deferred traditional IRA.

In general, there are two types of rollovers: direct and indirect. With

a direct rollover, all of the assets in your employer sponsored retirement plan are automatically rolled into an IRA, so you won't be subject to any taxes or IRS penalties.

However, with an indirect rollover, you withdraw the full balance of your employer-sponsored plan. You then have 60 days to deposit all or part of these assets into your traditional IRA and maintain your tax deferral status. Because you are withdrawing your assets from your 401(k) without immediately rolling them into another tax-deferred account, however, your employer is required to withhold 20 percent of your balance for federal income taxes and distribute the remaining funds to you.

To complete your rollover, you must replace the 20 percent withheld by your employer with your own funds or with other private funds. If you fail to deposit the entire amount of your 401(k) withdrawal into an IRA during the 60-

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day rollover period, the amount your employer withheld will be taxed. In addition, if you are younger than 55 when you retire, you may also face a 10 percent IRS early withdrawal penalty on that amount.

If you can afford to replace the 20 percent withholding with other

funds, it is in your best interest to do so. You will avoid the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty when you retire, and you will have the use of those remaining funds.

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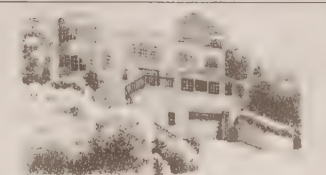
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Gough
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The rollover of your assets from a 401(k) into an IRA may include your employee contributions made on both a pretax and after-tax basis, any employer contributions, including matching contributions, and all earnings on your account. It is important to remember that when you roll over retirement assets into an IRA, the amount you roll over is not included in your taxable income for the year, so it does not increase your tax liability.

Whatever you choose, remember in order for your nest egg to carry you into the future, continue to evaluate what is best for your retirement portfolio. As things change, you must adapt accordingly to the most of your assets. With careful attention and advice from your local A.G. Edwards financial consultant, you can begin working towards achieving your retirement goals.

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New year, new market, new selling strategies

How to make a successful sale in 2006

IMMAN NEWS

There are plenty of home buyers intent on buying while they can still lock in a relatively low mortgage rate. So, the 2006 housing market should present good opportunities for sellers who understand how to maximize profit in this new, more balanced, selling environment.

The first step is to start thinking like a buyer, not a seller. Although buyers are anxious to buy before rates rise further, they know that the appreciation rate is subsidizing.

When the market is rising quickly, buyers are less concerned about over-paying because they're sure they'll recoup the excess payment within a few months because of robust appreciation. This was the psychology of last year's buyer. Now, buyers are much more concerned about value.

For this reason, pricing is more important than ever, as is property condition. Buyers are less forgiving of defects. So, ideally, you should fix defects before you put your home on the market.

Listings are most salable when they're new on the market. To maximize your chances, your home not only needs to be priced right and properly prepared for sale, you also need a comprehensive marketing plan. You want to make sure that information about your listing reaches as many potential buyers as possible.

So, pick your listing agent carefully. A prospective listing agent should provide you with a marketing plan. Ask to see samples of the marketing materials that will be used to promote your home. Make sure that your home will receive Internet exposure. Over 70 percent of today's home buyers start their home searches on the Internet.

An ad on the Internet isn't enough, though. Buyers don't look at listings that don't have photos. You can gain an edge on the competition if photos of your home are on the Internet as soon as your home is opened up to the market. Check out other listings on your agent's Web site to find out how your home will be presented on the Internet.

It's important to have a good working relationship with your agent. For this reason, many sellers who had a positive experience buying their home decide to list with the agent who represented them as buyers.

This is often a good strategy. Just make sure that you find out how your buyer's agent works as

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Built in 1910 and located two blocks from College Avenue, this pristine brown shingle has many lovingly restored original details including the welcoming front porch, rich hardwood floors and classic Craftsman woodwork. Three bedrooms, one-and-a-half baths, remodeled kitchen, new garage, gorgeous slate patio, spa and garden complete the picture of this unique home.

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Local Realtors walk for Habitat for Humanity

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Earlier this year Realtors from Coldwell Banker Bartels, joined by family and friends, participated in a 5k walk/run in Pinole, organized by Lynda Bartels to support Habitat for Humanity. Coldwell Banker Bartels-Realtors was proud to present over \$3,100.00 to Habitat For Humanity at the Coldwell Banker Business Conference in San Francisco last month.

in partnership with low income families throughout the United States and around the world so that one day everyone will have a decent place to live and grow.

Don Bartels, broker of Coldwell Banker Bartels-Realtors, said, "I am proud of all the support from the agents and the community and a special thank you to Lynda Bartels for her dedication and enthusiasm in the helping of others."

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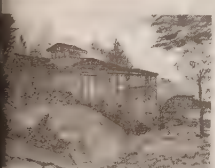
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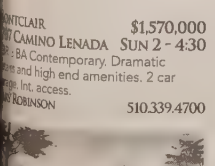
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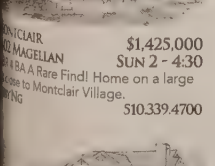
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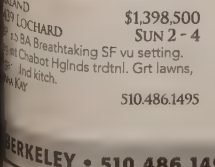
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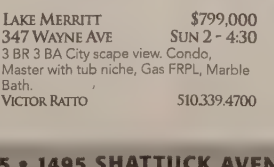
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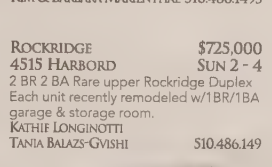


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347 WAYNE AVE
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SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3 BA City scape view. Condo.
Master with tub niche, Gas FRPL, Marble
Bath.
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2 BR 2 BA Charming cottage, tranquil
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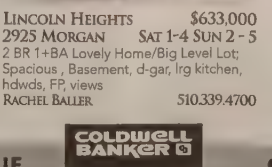
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4515 HARBORD
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2 BR 2 BA Rare upper Rockridge Duplex
Each unit recently remodeled w/1BR/1BA
garage & storage room.
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CROCKER HIGHLANDS
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SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1.5 BA Elegant 1920's interior w/FP
& HDWD Floors. Beautiful yard! Near
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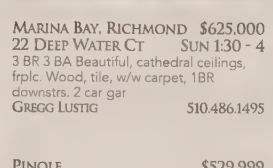


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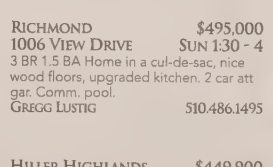


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1314 RICHMOND ST. SAT/SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Large Remodeled Classic.
Bright, new KIT w/granite, DR, extra
storage, closets.
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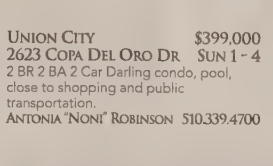
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SUN 1:30 - 4
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frplc. Wood, tile, w/w carpet, 1BR
downstrs. 2 car gar
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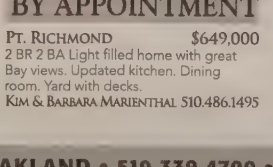
PINOLE
1560 KILDARE WY.
\$529,999
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA Level-in, 2yr old roof, fresh
paint, large lot, 2-car garage, fireplace,
quiet street
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RICHMOND
1006 VIEW DRIVE
\$495,000
SUN 1:30 - 4
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HILLER HIGHLANDS
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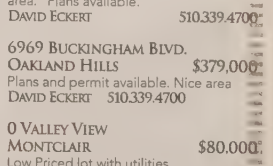
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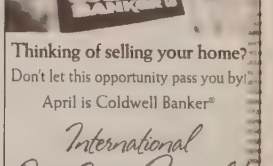
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4BR 2.5 Bath High-end finish-work,
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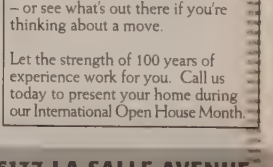
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a seller's agent. Some agents are equally good at both, but some aren't.

HOME SELLER TIP: In most cases, it's not wise to work with an agent who is from outside of the local market area. Few agents can give good service if they are spreading themselves too thin. A bad marketing effort can result in a lower sale price.

Recently, an agent from out of area listed a property in Oakland. It was never adequately exposed to the local Oakland market. It finally sold after several price reductions. The buyers got a good deal, not the sellers.

Your aim is to sell for the highest price possible. Some sellers, who are mentally stuck in last year's market, think it's a good idea to list at a price that's way under market value to generate a bidding contest and send the price higher. This strategy could backfire on you this year. If you don't receive multiple offers—and most sellers aren't these days—you will have a hard time negotiating a buyer up from a low price.

Don't list for less than a price you can accept if you don't receive multiple offers. But, keep in mind that over-priced listings won't sell.

THE CLOSING: An agent who's active in your area and whose listings are selling will be able to advise you about an effective list price for your home.

Dian Hymer is a Realtor, author and nationally syndicated columnist. She can be reached at 510-339-4777 or at Dian@Dianhymer.com.

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FOR THE PUBLIC

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Coldwell Banker's president and CEO **Avram Goldman** is being honored at a gala, "Blueprints & Blue Jeans," 6 p.m., Thursday, April 6 at the Giftcenter Pavilion. The dinner and awards program will benefit Habitat for Humanity. The evening combines a silent auction, food, fun, music and blue cocktails to shake of stir. Call 415-869-1500 ext.111 for ticket information.

Cobwebs
Attend "Our Houses" in Alameda at the Alameda Museum. At the

March event curator **George Gunn** promises to amaze the crowd with cobwebbed images not seen for many years at "The Museum Archives Revealed." Join the treasure hunt, 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30. For lecture information call 510-748-0796.

Free Classes
Seniors. A panel of experts presents "Living Alternatives for Seniors and Those Who Provide Care," April 1, at the Kaiser Elementary School in Oakland. Hear about reverse mortgages, housing options and more. The speakers include Realtor **Terry Kulka**, reverse mortgage specialist **Marty Appel**, estate planning attorney **Patrick Z. Riley**, and director of eldercare services **Linda**

Fodrini-Johnson. Call Terry Kulka at Coldwell Banker at 510-339-4789.

First Home. "How To Buy Your First Home" is held at CitiBank in Alameda. Come find out about the First Time Home Buyer Assistance Program. Join Presenters Alice Tsai of RE/Max Accord and Joe Bohannon of CitiMortgage for the next session, 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 12. Contact Tsai at Alice@East-BayHouseHunters.com or call 866-407-0684.

Nightingales. Nurses are there for our communities when needed. Frequently they cannot afford to buy a home. A seminar, "First Homes: Helping The Helpers" is 1 p.m., Saturday March 30. Special programs are offered to help qualify for down payment and closing cost assistance. Call the Hotline 888-681-7771 ext. 707.

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■ Senior Sales Associate Cheryl Knickerbocker of Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate was awarded the Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) designation. Designees give advice to seniors regarding real estate needs. Knickerbocker will answer questions at 510-338-1371.

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Tell me about it! Real estate related fundraisers, meetings, workshops, promotions, designations and change of scenery (company). Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbiereld@mindspring.com.

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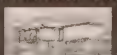


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San Francisco Bay Area home sales remained at the lowest level in five years and monthly home sales were down, year-over-year, for the 11th straight month, a real estate information service reported today.

A total of 6,206 new and resale houses and condos were sold in the nine-county Bay Area region in February, up 3.4 percent since January but down 16.8 percent compared to February 2005, according to

DataQuick Information Systems. Normally, sales decline from January to February. Last year's February was the strongest in DataQuick's records, which go back to 1988.

"We'll know more about what's going on once next month's numbers come in. March sales have a more typical purchase pattern than February's or January's. Right now we don't see anything ominous in the numbers, just a real estate cycle that is past the frenzy phase," said Marshall Prentice, DataQuick president.

The median price paid for a Bay Area home was \$616,000 last

month, a 1.5 percent gain since January, and up 12.2 percent from \$549,000 in February 2005.

The annual price increase was the lowest since prices rose 9.7 percent to \$443,000 in January 2004. It's probable that appreciation will dip into the single digits again this spring.

Sales dropped 35.8 percent from February 2005 to February 2006, and dropped 30.1 percent in Solano County, 19.2 percent in Alameda County and 18.9 percent in San Francisco County in that time.

Meanwhile, median home prices

jumped 16.7 percent in Solano County, 16.6 percent in Contra Costa County and 14.5 percent in Santa Clara County at the high end of the scale, with the lowest price appreciation in Sonoma County at 4.6 percent, San Mateo and Napa counties at 4.7 percent and San Francisco County at 4.9 percent.

The typical monthly mortgage payment that Bay Area buyers committed themselves to paying was \$2,889 in February. That was up from \$2,798 in January, and up from \$2,460 for February a year ago.

Adjusted for inflation, mortgage payments are 16 percent higher than they were at the peak of the prior cycle 16 years ago. Indicators of market distress are still largely absent. The use of adjustable-rate mortgages has decreased significantly the last three months.

"Foreclosure is up from last year, but are still below 2005 levels. Payment size has not been no market mix," DataQuick said. "Cover-based, and Association of Realtors' state activity nationwide information to national institutions, lending institutions and industry associations."

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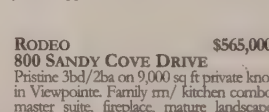
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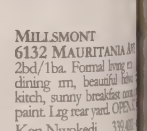
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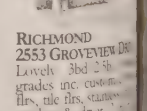
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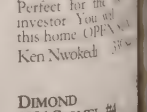
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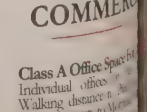
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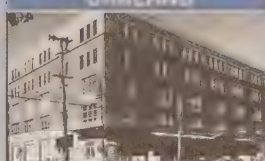
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Internet home purchases may not be far off

■ Thirty-one percent of survey respondents see online real estate purchases coming soon

INMAN NEWS

Thirty-one percent of home buyers in the San Francisco Bay Area believe it is likely that people may consider buying a home on the Internet in the future without ever seeing it in person, according to a survey released today by Prudential California Realty.

The findings demonstrated a shift in attitudes as consumers increasingly utilize the Internet in their home search.

The Prudential California Realty online home buyer survey, conducted in January by Caravan Opinion Research, gauged the attitudes of 300 Northern California home buyers who had purchased within the past three years and used the Internet to search for homes.

Consumers use real estate Web sites to search high quality photos and videos of home listings, view finance, community and school information, find open houses and assess the value of their homes.

"The idea that some buyers may buy a home over the Internet without actually viewing it is not as far-fetched as it would have seemed several years ago as buyers become more active and involved in the transaction through Web sites," said Sherry Chris, COO of Prudential California Realty.

"This is particularly true for the vibrant market in the Bay Area where competition for homes is often strong and good listings can be snapped up quickly."

Chris added that real estate Web sites have become central to home searches, with the Internet impacting the buying process in two ways: accelerating the whole process and empowering buyers in the transaction. "There is more information about neighborhoods, homes and house prices available than ever before," she said.

The survey also confirmed the Bay Area obsession with real estate, finding that 37 percent of respondents had searched online to see what the inside of a neighbor's home listed for sale looked like. The number jumped to 64 percent for those who had checked a Web site to find the listing price of a neighbor's home.

"With more information than ever at their fingertips, consumers now follow house prices the way investors follow the stock market," Chris said.

"A neighbor's house listing price and photos provide an instant barometer for a consumer to value on their own property. It often helps a seller decide if it is the best time for them to list their own home for sale."

Buyers searching online most frequently viewed approximately 10 to 30 homes before they purchased (33 percent of respondents), however 22 percent had looked at between 100-200 homes online before they purchased. The buyers most frequently viewed between 10 and 20 homes in person.

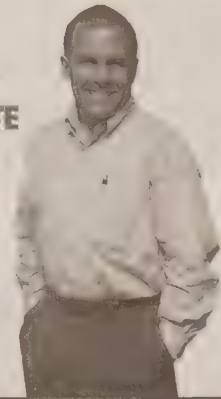
When buyers were asked: On the whole, did the homes you saw online meet your expectations when you went to view them? The majority of respondents, 79 percent, confirmed the homes online met

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their expectations when they viewed them in person. When it comes to which photos attract the attention

of buyers, the frontrunner was photos of the exterior of the home, followed by photos of the kitchen.

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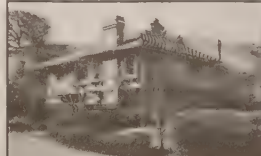
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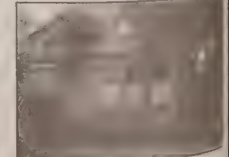
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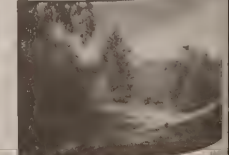
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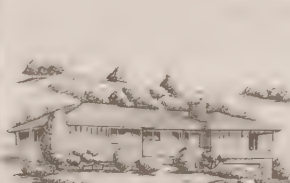


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Realtors push for new real estate licensing requirements

California association swelling population of experienced agents

GLENN ROBERTS JR.

Real estate trade group in California is pushing for heightened licensing requirements for all real estate agents and brokers in the state to raise the bar on agent education.

California Association of Realtors sponsored legislation that requires two years of active experience as a real estate salesperson as a prerequisite to obtaining a license.

Currently, applicants for a broker's license can receive a license after a two-year work experience. A separate bill would require all applicants for a real estate license first complete a course prior to receiving a license. The new law provides that a license can be issued after application and one class, with subsequent courses completed within six months.

"I don't talk to any group of Realtors where you will get feedback. They say they are concerned about the level of expertise on the other side of the transaction," says Wieg, a lobbyist for the California Association of Realtors, trying to raise the quality of the industry and experience.

Wieg, California Association of Realtors president, said, "a degree in chemistry does not qualify you to be a real estate agent or broker. We are looking for experience related to the industry. I don't think this is asking too much."

Wieg noted that someone who has never been in the state of California before training than real estate agents in the state. "In California, we hold our agents to a standard, and that's what we're looking for. The intent, he said, is to limit the number of agents in the industry but to raise the quality of the industry."

California Department of Industrial Relations reported that the total number of real estate licensees in the state reached 481,319 in January 2005, about 72.5 percent of all licensees are salespersons and the remainder are brokers.

The total number of licensees in the state is a 65 percent gain from 1997, when the department reported 291,473 licensees. In that time, 63 percent of all licensees are salespersons and 34.7 percent are brokers.

Department spokesperson said the agency doesn't have a position on the new proposed legislation.

Wieg said that as the total number of licensees in the state has increased, the membership in the real estate trade group, which has 180,000 members. All are licensees, but not all are members of the Realtors group.

Wieg said a consumer protection bill from our standpoint, "the bill is a legislative effort to raise the bar on licensing requirements. We're looking out there really for the market who are either new supervisors or (have) completed education. Our members have been concerned that the quality of the industry is not what it used to be. It's not like we're going to have a shortage."

Wieg said the Legislature passed a consumer-sponsored bill that would require continuing education for all real estate licensees. The bill would require, after July 1, 2006, to complete a three-hour course for management as a part of the continuing education to renew a real estate license.

Wieg said the course must include "principles and procedures to avoid errors and omissions in the practice of real estate," according to the California Association of Realtors.

Wieg said that legislation, too, is a part of the association's efforts to raise the bar for real estate agents practicing in the state. Wieg said he is not sure how California's licensing requirements compare to other states. "This is really about seeing what deficiency we have," he said.

Wieg said the California Association of Realtors and real estate licensees has historically been a strong seller's market, marked by an increase in the number of sales and home prices, and decreases in the number of homes for sale.

Wieg said the California Association of Realtors has 181,664 in February 2005, a 17.4 percent increase from February 2004, but was down 1.5 percent from January 2006.

has about 1.2 million members, and saw its membership grow about 68 percent from 1997 to 2006. But membership dropped about 15 percent during a slow housing market from 1998-97, for example, and slipped about 23 percent from 1998-97.

Assembly Bill 2429, introduced by Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews, D-Stockton, on Feb. 23, establishes new pre-licensing requirements as of Dec. 31, 2009. Existing law provides for two ways to qualify for a sales license, the association noted in a legislative announcement.

"The first option requires an applicant to take three real estate classes and then pass the salesperson exam, and after a criminal

Someone who cuts hair in the state of California requires more training than real estate agents in the state

background check receive a four-year license," according to the announcement. "In the second option, an applicant takes only one class and then takes the exam. Should the applicant pass, they may obtain a 'conditional' license

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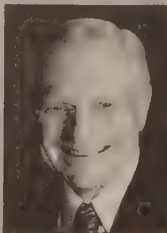
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Zillow.com launches real estate Web site

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Zillow.com recently announced the launch of its real estate site, offering free, unbiased valuations on more than 40 million homes across the United States, with data on an additional 20 million homes.

This includes most homes in the country, not just those for sale. All consumers need to do is enter an address.

In addition to finding a valuation, or "Zestimate" value for homes, consumers can access and view — for free — an enormous amount of information on individual homes, including:

- Historical value changes for each home, charted over the past year, five years or 10 years

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This beta is just the beginning, Barton said. Zillow will continue adding tools and services to empower consumers to make smarter real estate decisions.

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License

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and finish the rest of the required course work during the next 18 months." The announcement refers to this option as a "quickie" license, stating that it "has become the rule rather than the exception, allowing many licensees to represent clients without the required completed coursework necessary to effectively represent their clients."

About 85 percent of the roughly 100,000 new real estate licensees in California over the past three years have opted for this conditional license, the trade group also noted.

Assembly Bill 1963, introduced by state Assemblyman Tim Leslie, R-Roseville, provides that the state cannot grant a real estate broker's license "unless that person has held a real estate salesperson's license for at least two years and qualified for renewal real estate salesperson status within the five-year period immediately prior to the date of ... application for the broker's license, and during that time was actively engaged in the business of a real estate salesperson."

Existing law provides that an applicant who has at least the equivalent of two years' general real estate experience or graduated from a four-year college or university course, files a written petition with the state setting forth his or her qualifications and experience and receives approval, and passes an examination and satisfies other requirements can receive a broker's license.

Blanket chest is both pretty and practical



U-BILD

BY DON AND DAVE RUNYAN

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Combining simple country styling with plenty of storage under a hinged bench seat, this handsome blanket chest and seat project is practical for almost any room in the house. From the bedroom to the family room to the hall, it holds everything from bedding and clothes to toys, boots and umbrellas. And no matter where you put it, an extra seat always comes in handy.

The project calls for 18 board feet of lumber (we used oak, but other woods will work just as well), a sheet of matching plywood, molding, dowel pins, hinges, nails, glue and finish. The chest requires mostly straight cuts, and the few curved cuts are traced from full-size patterns.

Even beginners will be able to complete this project. First, the rectangular chest section is assembled using glue and nails. Next, the back rest, arm supports and arm rests are assembled and attached to the chest. Finally, in-

stall the lid, add trim pieces and apply finish as preferred.

The blanket chest and seat measures about 48 inches long by 19 inches deep by 36 inches tall at the back.

The Blanket Chest and Seat plan, No. 789, is \$9.95 and includes step-by-step instructions with photos, traceable patterns, construction diagrams, a shopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions.

A package of three blanket chest plans, No. C74, is available for \$21.95 and includes this chest project and two others. A catalog picturing hundreds of do-it-yourself projects is \$2. Please include \$3 for postage and handling (except catalog-only orders) and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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2753 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley

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Norah Brower x26

\$1,895,000



110 St. Albans Rd., Kensington

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New listing! This 3-bedroom, 3.5 bath, nicknamed "the castle" by the grandkids, nestled in gorgeous English gardens, de-sac near Hilltop School. Bath w/boasts original details, GG and Bay views, it would benefit from some updating. Tracy & Bill x33



1521 McGee Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00

New listing! Stunning 3-bdrm, 2-bath home near Monterey Market & Gourmet Gheto. Chef's kitchen w/marble counters & mahogany cabinets. Sub-zero, Viking, Miele appliances. Master suite w/skylight, cherry floors & slate bathroom. Beamed ceilings, hwd floors & stone fireplace. Fenced yd w/grassy areas, hot tub, patio & 2-car garage.

Chris & Sandy x54

\$819,000



719 Midcrest Way (at Eureka)

By Appointment

"It has it all." Spacious home with a great plan. Large living room, dining room, sunny kitchen, 4 bdms on main level, study, rumpus rm, double garage. A huge (over 10,000 sq. ft.) lot. Call SF views. Maya Trilling x18



6020 Tehama, Richmond Annex

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New listing! 3-bdrm, 3-bath home has big fam. rm w/bamboo flr & bonus rm. Elegantly remodeled throughout—superior craftsmanship & materials! Chef's kit, w/cherrywood cabinetry & travertine counters. State-of-the-art 3-zone hot water heating, dual-pane windows, hwd floors. Deck, patio, garden off dining rm.

Jean Auka x16

\$675,000



619 San Carlos, Albany

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

1926 sunny Cape Cod extensively renovated w/permits, just blocks from Solano Memorial Park. 2 bedrooms and jetties. Granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Landscaped yards, garage, attic space. Gertrude Villanueva x42



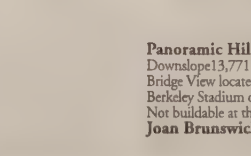
6342 Kensington Ave., Richmond View

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Extensively remodeled 4-bdrm, 2-bath home with Bay View plus LEGAL cottage, close to East Bay Regional Park. Level-in house features many skylights, high ceilings and bright outlook. Garden with Meyer lemon, magnolia, Japanese maple trees, many rose bushes, jasmine, bougainvillea, morning glory.

Joan Brunswick x12

\$620,000



Panoramic Hills lot

Downslope 13,771 sq. ft. lot with Golden Gate Bridge View located in the hills above the U.C. Berkeley Stadium on the Berkeley-Oakland border. Not buildable at this time. Call agent for details. \$95,000

Joan Brunswick x12

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Time limits on 1031 exchanges

Can you please tell me if there is a time limit on how long you can own the property to do the exchange? I have a property in San Francisco and I am closing at the end of January, but I only purchased the property about three months ago and I am closing on another property in March this year, so I do a 1031 exchange into the property that I am closing on in March. They are both condominium investments. If you can, there is no min-

imum period of ownership required for 1031 exchange properties. A 1031 tax-deferred exchange allows owners of land, investment and business real property to sell at a profit and acquire more valuable real property without being taxed on their gain.

For example, investment land may be sold and a more valuable property like an apartment building or a percentage ownership in an office building, may be acquired without tax liability. A 1031 tax-deferred ex-

change is similar to an IRA or a 401(k) retirement plan that is not subject to taxation until the investor begins to cash out of the retirement plan.

IRS rules require that real estate investors or business owners engaged in 1031 exchanges use a qualified intermediary. Many firms provide this service. IRS rules require that the real property must be held for business or investment purposes.

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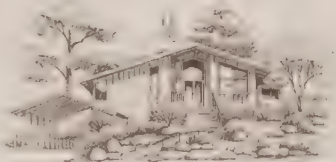
THOMAS MUSIL
Real Estate Q&A

The Weekly Sales can be found in the Auto Section on page D7.

Open Sunday

Open SUNDAY 2-4:30. At the end of a private road sits this four+ bedroom, three bath home with South Bay views on over an acre of land. This unique property was built for a developer and features a renovated kitchen, great room with soaring ceilings, master room, office and recreation room.

Offered at \$1,395,000
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1828 Delaware St. #1 & 2

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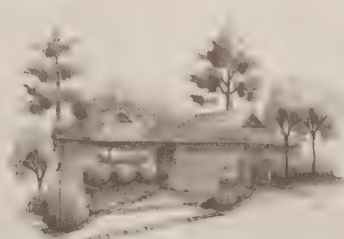
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\$895,000
Open
Total privacy & maximum security in San Francisco, Golden Gate, Ocean & bay as far as the eye can see. Most rooms and the pool. 2 acres, Mediterranean with master suite, 3 fireplaces.
Open Sun 2-4:30
12667 Skyline Blvd.
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Alameda
\$1,699,000
Open
4BR/3BA + 2BR/2BA Au pair. Gold Coast district. Gorgeous remodeled Huge gourmet kit, family room, formal LR/DR. Lovely MBR & additional 2BR/2BA Au pair w/ own entrance. Great loc. close to everything.
Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30
1729 San Antonio Ave.
Andrea Gordon (510) 339-8900



Montclair
\$865,000
Open

3+BR/2.5BA. Seeking close to Montclair Village, level living convenience & a distinctive house on a large lot? Come discover even more in this 3+BR/2.5BA sunny home. Family room, game room + unfinished room, eat-in kitchen, atrium & 2 fireplaces.

6764 Sims Dr.
Open Sun 2-4:30
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Oakland
\$979,000
Soon
3+BR/2+BA. Coming soon. Triplex in Grand Lake neighborhood with huge 3BR/2BA owner's unit incl. FDR, new kit w/ granite counters & spacious tiled terrace. Upstairs is 1BR/1BA apartment w/ separate entry. The downstairs unit is a studio with separate kit. Call for details.
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Oakland
\$950,000
Lot
Amazing view lot at the "top of the world" with unobstructed panoramic bridge to bridge views. Soils, surveys & plans for beautiful Mediterranean home available to view.
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Montclair
\$99,000
Open
2BA. Sunny 1993 3BR/2BA traditional style home with terraced patios, french doors to patio, hardwood floors and a fireplace.
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Oakland
\$849,000
Reduced
2 homes on one lot. Price reduced! New 2462 sq. ft. 3BR/3BA home. Large living room. Beautiful kit. w/ granite countertops. 2nd unit 2BR/2BA 960 sq. ft. home. Newly remodeled throughout.
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Oakland
\$699,000
3BR/3BA. Tudor Influenced 3 story home with beautiful hwd flrs. Two tone interior paint, designer touches. Loft/study with outside access. Big beautiful bklyd with park-like setting.
S. Brox Crawford (510) 339-8900



Oakland
\$499,000
Open
3BR/2BA. Great remodeled home w/ new kitchen, new roof, new baths, new windows. Refinished hardwood floors. Large rear yard w/ an extra room off porch.
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RECENTLY SOLD. Step back to 1906 in this wonderful three bedroom, one bath classic Rockridge Craftsman on a grand scale. Gorgeous original wood and glass built-ins, box beam ceiling, detailed oak floors and a huge fireplace. Sits on a choice corner near the center of activity.

Originally offered at \$850,000
Represented the buyer



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NEW LISTING ~ SIMPLY THE ULTIMATE

THIS HOME HAS IT ALL - CHARM & QUALITY INSIDE,
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This luxury 5BR/4BA home features panoramic views of the vast parklands and abundant wildlife, gleaming hardwood floors, soaring 14ft ceilings, a gourmet kitchen with fireplace and a wonderful bonus room. Adjacent to miles of trails in the East Bay Regional Park, the property also has a site, secluded from the house, for a possible equestrian setup for up to three horses, or an area for a sports court. All this and only minutes to downtown Oakland and Berkeley, this home offers the ultimate in luxury, privacy and serenity.

Offered at \$1,850,000



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pending/sold



95 Westminster Drive • Claremont Pines
Offered at \$2,150,000



4066 Brown Avenue • Upper Laurel
Offered at \$539,000

coming soon



62 Sereno Circle • Redwood Heights
Price Upon Request



6822 Exeter Drive • Montclair
Originally offered at \$1,090,000

201 Park Way • Piedmont
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★ ★ NEW PIEDMONT AVENUE LOFT LISTING! ★ ★
★ ★ Open House - Sunday, March 26 & April 2 1-4:30pm ★ ★



2 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms
3913 Cerrito Avenue
Offered @ \$599,000

An Amazing Loft/Townhome in An Amazing Neighborhood

Find out why these unique urban loft/townhomes sold out in record time, just a few years ago. This stunning residence features 2 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms, with 3 stories of incredible space and light. Built by a quality builder to exacting standards with extensive use of hardwoods, architectural metal work, natural stone, acid stained concrete, and museum quality wall finishes. Soaring 24 foot ceilings in the living room that is flooded with natural light, a deck, huge industrial windows open up vistas from every room, a spacious eat-in kitchen, and a private garage are just some of the components that make loft living here so great. Your new home is fully wired for cable, satellite, phone, and data. The master sleeping loft has a real sense of drama, overlooking the living area and the master bathroom is a work of art with a flamed granite tile floor and oversized oval tub. The eat-in kitchen is a dream for both the cooks and the helpers - featuring stainless steel appliances, tons of quality work space and generous amounts of cabinetry. The sleek black granite countertops compliment the unique cherry and maple cabinets creating a beautiful look. The second bedroom is what really sets this loft apart from it's competitors with a private outdoor garden and patio, ample storage, and acid washed concrete floors - it is just perfect for guests/ a home office/ or ??

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This magnificent residence was designed by Willis Polk in the Beaux Arts style. On an extraordinary site, it offers approx. 1.5 acres of park-like grounds with lush, European-style gardens, expansive lawns and a swimming pool.

Offered at \$6,750,000



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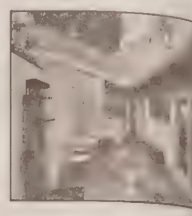
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New Mountain Estate Open Sat. & Sun. March 25 & 26

MODERNISM WITH A VIEW

With panoramic views of San Francisco, the bay and Marin headlands, this contemporary has been masterfully renovated and updated with an eye for details and a heart for today's modernist. This home blends modern luxury with scenic outdoor surroundings. Bamboo and cork flooring, Brazilian IPE hardwood decks, Venetian plaster walls, stainless steel kitchen counter tops, glass tile shower, open wood beamed ceilings, and a custom concrete feature wall with water fall, are just a few of the aesthetic details that accent this home's unique vision. 3BR/2BA, office with separate entrance and great storage or easy expansion potential.

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Lovely Spanish Mediterranean style home in Claremont Hills. 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. Great views from many levels. Features amenities, attention to detail and more! Must see - priced to sell!



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Berkeley

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NEW LISTING! 18 Ranch Road, Orinda

ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB - Understated elegance in a sun-filled single level home situated on 1.3±AC level yard with gardens, decks and views. Featuring a spacious living dining room combo, gourmet kitchen, family room, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Privacy and convenience, close to BART & top rated Orinda schools (check district for availability).

Offered at \$1,850,000



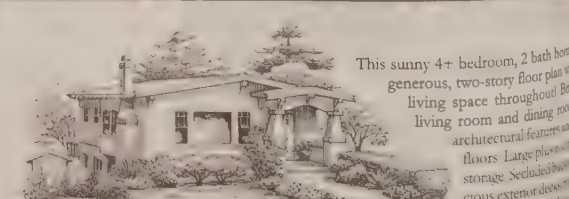
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This sunny 4+ bedroom, 2 bath home has a generous, two-story floor plan with a living space throughout! Beautiful living room and dining room with architectural features and hardwood floors. Large plaster walls, storage. Secluded but close to outdoor living and a swimming pool.

3823 Elston Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$719,000



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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide on page B11

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A LANDMARK PIEDMONT PROPERTY SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT



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Nancy Rothman
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NEW PIEDMONT PINES LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2-4:30PM



6260 Castle Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$1,125,000

Gorgeous all level 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on a secluded approximately one half acre with mature landscaping. Extensively remodeled in 2002 with designer appliances, custom tiles, and new systems. Beamed ceilings, bay view, level side yard, and French doors to large patio and gardens. A rare opportunity.

NEW PIEDMONT LISTING OPEN SAT. & SUN., MARCH 25 & 26, 2-4:30PM



Martha Holstlaw
510.338.1312



431 Pala Avenue, Piedmont
Offered at \$995,000

Centrally located in the hills of Piedmont, this charming 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home overlooks a large yard with a swimming pool and hot tub. The living and dining rooms have French doors leading to the deck. The traditional home has a very spacious master suite with sitting area, built-in cabinetry, and hardwood floors.



Dee Knowland
510.338.1318

NEW UPPER LAUREL LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1-5PM



4456 Hyacinth Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$659,000

Beautiful hardwood floors and lots of light greet you as you enter this lovely, charming 2BR, 1BA spacious home (approx. 1504 square feet). The grand living room has two walls of windows and a wonderful fireplace. Pass through the lovely formal dining area into the updated kitchen complete with newer cabinets, appliances, granite countertops and breakfast nook. Retreat to the generously sized bedrooms and bath. Enjoy the morning sun or afternoon BBQs with friends on the wonderfully landscaped patio and yard. Enjoy the convenience of an attached 2 car garage with interior access. All this and a great wine cellar too! What a great place to call home!

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



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| PIEDMONT
505 SCENIC AVE.
Magnificent estate on over 1/2 acre of wooded setting. Designer decking, bay views. 4BR/3BA, stylish kitchen, family room, home office. 505Scenic.com. Debra Celestre x1370 & Jane Strauch x1332
\$1,495,000 | OAKLAND
617 PROSPECT AVE.
Elegant Traditional. Updated & spacious 4BR/3BA plus family room. Excellent in-law potential w/separate entrance. 2 stories, 2 car garage, lap pool & garden. Fritz Hochfeller x1348
\$989,000 | GLENVIEW
3823 ELSTON AVE.
(Open 2-5)
Sunny 4BR/2BA home w/formal living & dining rooms, hardwood floors, wood-burning fireplace, large plus room, ample storage. Level yard w/multiple decks. Christian Downer x1340
\$719,000 | DIMOND
2614 MADELINE ST.
Charming craftsman with built-ins and many upgrades. Three-plus bedrooms, two baths, deck, yard with fruit trees, detached garage. Dick Cohen x1308
\$639,000 | ROCKRIDGE
5340 BROADWAY TERR. #207
Fabulous updated 2BR/2BA condominium. Large deck/patio with bay, bridge & hill views. Wood & tile floors, fireplace, large master bedroom. Ashley Wilcox O'Neill x1368
\$529,000 |
| PIEDMONT PINES
6260 CASTLE DR.
New Listing! Gorgeous all level 3BR/2.5BA home. Approx. one-half acre w/mature landscaping. Extensively remodeled in 2002. Beamed ceilings, bay view & French doors to large patio & gardens. Dee Knowland x1318
\$1,125,000 | MONTCLAIR
5805 MERRIEWOOD DR.
(Open Sat & Sun)
New Listing! Contemporary home w/sweeping views. Masterfully renovated & updated blending modern luxury w/scenic outdoor surroundings. 3BR/2BA, office w/separate entrance. Ten Carlisle x1305
\$979,000 | REDWOOD HEIGHTS
4240 KNOLL AVE.
Don't miss the interior of this lovely all level 3BR/2.5BA home. Large family room w/built-ins, stone fireplace & bar room! Attached oversized 2-car garage. Dwight McCan x1391
\$715,000 | RICHMOND
2803 MOYERS RD.
3BR/2BA college district home. Huge family room with fireplace, updated baths & kitchen. Great indoor/outdoor living. www.2803Moyers.com. Joanna Gould x1346
\$595,000 | OAKLAND
1238 E. 33RD ST.
Charming original details. 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, hardwood, large eat-in kitchen, separate office/studio. Steven Biasutti x1379
\$499,000 |
| PIEDMONT
431 PALA AVE.
(Open Sat & Sun)
New Listing! Charming 3+BR/2BA home overlooks a large yard with a swimming pool & French doors to dock. Spacious master suite with sitting area. Martha Holstlaw x1312
\$995,000 | SAN LEANDRO
1701 ASTOR CT.
(Open 1-4)
Bac-O-Vista. 4BR/3BA home located at the end of a secluded cul-de-sac on approx. 1.93 acres. Family room, 2 fireplaces, 3 car garage & ample storage. Built in 1986. Michelle Miller x1335
\$899,000 | GLENVIEW
3924 EVERETT AVE.
This charming 2BR/1BA bungalow was built in 1924 & retains a lot of original charm. Gracious living & dining rooms, fireplace, large eat-in kitchen & deck w/secluded yard. Kathy Flynn x1317
\$649,000 | NORTH OAKLAND
581 59TH ST.
Perfect for the extended family. 4BR/2BA & 2 kitchens. Functions well as 2 units, or combined for the extended family or group living arrangement. Large yard & lots of storage. Tom Nemeth 510-652-6537
\$579,000 | OAKLAND
869 McELROY ST.
(Open 2-4)
New Price! Stylish urban retreat w/3BR/2BA, ample living space & dramatic architecture. Renovated kitchen, fully fenced lot, master suite, attached garage. Jeffrey Needleman x1385
\$469,000 |
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\$649,000 | MILLSMONT
6147 LAIRD AVE.
Make this your home and have income too! Legal duplex. Sweet 3BR/1BA up, spacious 2BR/1BA down. Bay view, lovely yard, updated kitchen. Joan E. Hause x1358
\$559,000 | ROCKRIDGE
5351 BELGRAVE PL. #1A
Sunny & spacious corner condo. Oakland & Berkeley hill views. 1BR/1BA, balcony, parking, storage & laundry in unit. Ashley Wilcox O'Neill x1368
\$349,000 |

BY APPOINTMENT

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| PIEDMONT
This residence designed by Willis Polk in the Beaux Arts style. On approx. 1.5 acres with mature trees, manicured lawns, and swimming pool. 5BR/5BA, 5 full baths, 5 fireplaces, 5 car garage. Georgia Cornell x1325 & Nancy Rothman 510-701-0230
\$6,750,000 | PARKRIDGE ESTATES
Luxury 5BR/4BA home w/sweeping views of the vast parklands. Hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, family room, bonus room. Helen Danhaki x1356 & Jennie A. Flanigan x1354
\$1,850,000 | NORTH BERKELEY
This 4BR, 3BA home on a unique & hidden site offers spectacular views from every room. Bring your energy & imagination! Tour @ pacunion.com/ginierck. Gini Erick x1339
\$1,195,000 | OAKLAND HILLS
Sunny, all level 4BR/2BA home on approx. 23 acre landscaped lot. Beautifully updated & maintained. Bamboo wood floors, family room. Near East Bay Regional Park hiking trails. Vicki Woodhead x1334
\$799,000 | MONTCLAIR LOT
Permit for very marketable home is ready to be pulled. Moderate downslope. On a desirable end of cul-de-sac w/other high-end homes. Filtered bay views. David Ichikawa x1331
\$625,000 |
| RIDGEMONT
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Since we live in Brookfield, need to know whether or not we are in a community property state. We did not plan on selling our home for some time. But we also want to get caught up in a tax loss. If one spouse dies in a community property state, you are really caught up in a tax loss, are you not?

The nine community property states are Wisconsin, California, Arizona, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico and Washington. Community property states treat the real property interests between spouses differently than common-law states.

Your question refers to the determination of taxable gain due on the sale of a home if one spouse is deceased. The IRS allows greater ownership interest in a personal residence to the surviving spouse living in a community property state.

When a personal residence is sold, IRS rules allow a single person to exclude up to \$250,000 in capital gain on the sale. Calculation of the gain is determined by taking the sales proceeds and subtracting the cost of any improvements and the initial purchase price of the property. For a surviving spouse a 50 percent long-term gain tax would be owed on amounts greater than \$125,000 allowable profit.

In common-law states, IRS rules determine the adjusted basis for a surviving spouse as half the initial purchase of the property, the cost of improvements made while both spouses were living plus half the fair market value of the property at the time of death of one spouse. In community property states like Wisconsin, the adjusted basis of the surviving spouse is the entire fair market value of the property. Consequently, for residents of community property states, if one spouse dies in December the tax liabilities would be less than the tax liabilities of individuals in common-law states.

Q. My husband and I and another couple are buying a condo together in a resort area and will rent it out to help cover the costs. I know that IRS rules only allow us to use the property 14 days per year or face some type of tax consequence. I also know that our tax deductions are somehow tied to our ordinary income, which is around \$300,000 per year. Is there any way that we can use the property for about two months a year and how will that affect our taxes and tax deductions?

A. You can use the property for more than 14 days but there are substantial tax consequences that may defeat your goals of sheltering ordinary income.

First, if you use the property for personal purposes for more than 14 days or for more than 10 percent of the total days that the property is rented, IRS rules prohibit the

deduction of your rental property expenses in excess of rental income from your ordinary income. Your operating losses may, however, be carried forward to the next year to offset future rental income.

Second, IRS rules require that you calculate depreciation on the vacation property only for the percentage of time that the property was rented. These tax consequences may be substantial enough for you and the other couple to consider alternative vacation plans. For worksheets to determine the exact tax consequences of this type of rental property you should consult IRS publication 527-Residential Rental property. The publication can be found at www.irs.gov.

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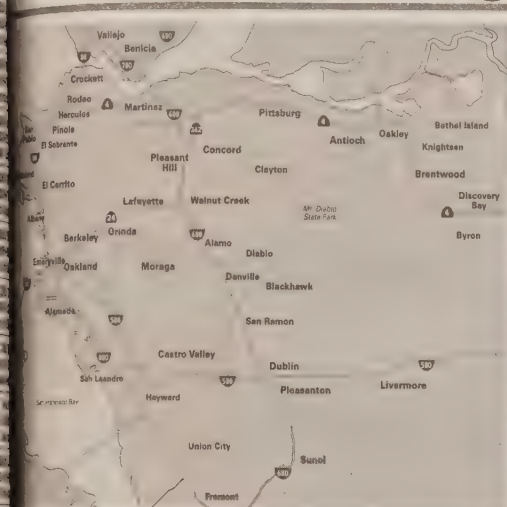
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\$810,000	2044 Hoover	3bd/3ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	510-339-8400
	Montclair Better Homes			Martha Shin
\$820,000	67 Gleneden	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30	510-339-9400
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\$1,695,000	6201 Virgo Road	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	510-339-0400
	Oakland Hills			Angela Wei Grubb
\$1,895,000	12667 Skyline Blvd	4+BD/3BA	Open Sun. 2-4:30	510-339-0400
	Hillcrest Est.			Helen Nicholas
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\$734,900	104 Waterview Dr	3bd/3ba	Open Sun. 2-4	510-662-8545
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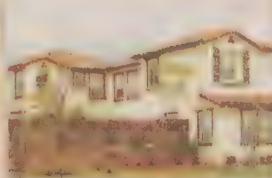
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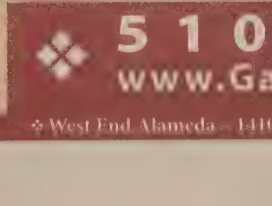
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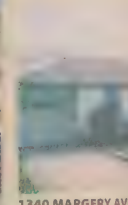
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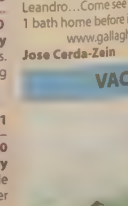
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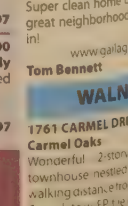
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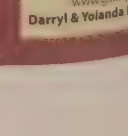
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Around the horn

Paris named Player of the Month

The accomplishments keep coming for Piedmont High School graduate Courtney Paris. The University of Oklahoma star was selected this week as the Women's Basketball Coaches Association National Player of the Month for March. Paris is averaging 21.8 points and 14.9 rebounds a game. Her rebounding average is best in the nation. She became the first player in NCAA history to record 700 points, 500 rebounds and 100 blocks in a season. Paris holds a Big 12 record with 782 points this season, passing Edwina Brown of Texas. Paris also has 523 rebounds and 116 blocks. She is 27 rebounds shy of the NCAA record for a single season, which is held by Wanda Ford with 534 in 1985. Paris leads the nation in double doubles (double digits in points and rebounds) with 30.

Oklahoma (31-4) plays Stanford on Saturday in the San Antonio regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament. Paris scored 30 points and pulled down 15 rebounds against BYU in a second round win.

Paris led the Sooners to the Big 12 title and was named MVP of the conference championship tournament. She was selected to the All-Big 12 first team and named All-Big 12 Freshman of the Year. In the conference championships, Paris set Big 12 records with 59 rebounds (a 19.7 average).

Paris was named one of four finalists for the Naismith Award, which is given to the nation's top player.

— Dave Carpenter

Little League parade

The Albany Little League & Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League's 51st Annual Parade of Teams will take place on April 1. It will begin at 9 a.m. on the corner of Key Route Blvd. and Solano Avenue, proceeding down Solano Avenue past San Pablo Avenue south onto Jackson Street and through University Village to the Little League Fields for the Little League Opening Ceremonies.

— Phil Jensen

Hornets' streak snapped

The Alameda High School boys golf team suffered its first Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League loss in almost two years on Tuesday. El Cerrito beat the Hornets 169-172 on the Jack Club Course at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex in Alameda. The last time the Hornets lost a league match was April 22, 2004 to Berkeley. The Hornets finished that season 10-2 with both losses coming to Berkeley. Alameda was 12-0 last season and entered Tuesday's match with a 41 mark. El Cerrito's Scott Leong earned medal of honors with a 4-over-par 39. Jeff Lee led Alameda with a 41.

— Robert Jordan

On Deck

Softball, Piedmont at Albany, today, 3:30 p.m. — Both the Highlanders and the Cougars were undefeated in league play (2-0) at press time.

Baseball, Pinole Valley at El Cerrito, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. — This ACCAL opener feature two squads who combined for an 8-2 record to open this season. The Gauchos won three of their first four games, and the Spartans started the season with a 5-1 record.

Baseball, Salesian at St. Mary's, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. — Both of these rivals are expected to contend for the BSAL title.

Baseball, Albany at Piedmont, Today, 3:30 p.m. — Deren Rehr-Davis hit a solo home run as Piedmont edged St. Mary's 3-2 in a Bay Shore Athletic League game. It was a good win for a team that is coming off a down year. The Highlanders have reason for optimism this season as a more experienced team takes the field for Piedmont.

Stars of the week

Anthony Cunningham, El Cerrito boys volleyball — Cunningham had 13 kills in the Gauchos' 25-14, 25-16, 25-10 victory over De Anza, which was previously undefeated in ACCAL play. The Gauchos remained undefeated with the win.

Colin Bauer, Albany boys track and field — Bauer had two outstanding races at the Piedmont Distance Festival. He finished second in his heat of the 1,600 meters (4 minutes, 27.7 seconds) and won his heat of the 800 (2:00.3).

Lauren Lopez, St. Mary's girls track and field — Lopez had two top-three finishes at the Bay Area Blast Off at Cal. She won the high school girls triple jump with a leap of 36 feet, 7 inches and took third in the high school girls long jump (16-11½).

Mina Duffy, Piedmont softball — It wasn't the sophomore's greatest pitching performance, but Duffy went 2-for-4 with a two-run homer in a 5-4 victory over St. Patrick-St. Vincent. Though she allowed four earned runs, Duffy did strike out 11 batters.

Jon Cedercreutz, Piedmont boys golf — Cedercreutz shot a 4-over 38 to lead the Highlanders to a 225-231 win over El Cerrito in a non-league match at Claremont Country Club.

Michael Wasserman, Piedmont boys tennis — Piedmont's No. 1 singles player had a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Scott Leong as Piedmont cruised to a 7-0 victory over St. Mary's.

Kenny Americh, Alameda baseball — Americh had two doubles a single and four RBI to help the Hornets snap a two-game skid with a 10-1 win over Livingston on Saturday.

Gauchos' ACCAL streak reaches 61

By Dave Carpenter

STAFF WRITER

None of the players on the El Cerrito High School boys volleyball team was even in high school the last time the Gauchos lost an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League match.

That doesn't mean they aren't aware of El Cerrito's nearly six-year streak that has reached 61 league wins.

Number 60 came March 16 at De Anza as the Gauchos beat the host Dons 25-14, 25-16, 25-10. El Cerrito then defeated Richmond 25-9, 25-22, 25-10 on Tuesday.

El Cerrito's last league loss occurred in a playoff match against Richmond in 2000.

"This team is really focused on continuing the streak," longtime El Cerrito coach Fred Gonzalez said. "They know it's im-

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portant to the program. They want to carry it on.

"They're motivated and focused. They don't want to be the first ones to lose."

The victory over De Anza was also significant because it broke a first-place tie with the Dons in the ACCAL standings and reinforced that the Gauchos still are the top team in the league.

The 1 hour, 15-minute match on March 16 exhibited how powerful the Gauchos are in the league. El Cerrito and De Anza will meet again on May 2, the second-to-last ACCAL match of the season for both teams.

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EL CERRITO'S Vincent Yang, right, goes up for a block against De Anza's Darren Hung in their ACCAL match, which the Gauchos won 25-14, 25-16, 25-10.

LONG BEACH POLY 54, BERKELEY 34

Berkeley haunted by the past

■ Yellow Jackets plagued by problems on the boards in CIF championship loss

By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — It was supposed to be the defensive pressure that was going to give the Berkeley High School girls basketball team problems on Saturday.

Instead, a familiar culprit that plagued the team at the beginning of the season returned to give the Yellow Jackets fits.

Berkeley's rebounding troubles led to a 54-34 loss to Long Beach Poly in the California Interscholastic Federation Division I state title game at Arco Arena.

The Yellow Jackets were out-rebounded 40-30, including 19-10 on the offensive end.

"When we got to NorCal, we rebounded better than we had all season," said guard Jennifer Gross, who led Berkeley with eight rebounds. "But tonight we went back to the old Berkeley that didn't box out and didn't rebound."

Poor rebounding was part of the reason the Yellow Jackets started the season 4-7, but a strong finish that included three straight routs in CIF Northern regional play helped Berkeley appear in its seventh state title game in 17 seasons.

After dropping the North Coast Section Division I championship game to San Ramon Valley, Berkeley (21-12) routed its next three NorCal opponents by an average of 19.7 points to get to the state title game.

But against the Jack Rabbits, Berkeley failed to find any rhythm.

"We went over (rebounding) in practice and knew what was coming," said Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura, who guided the Yellow Jackets to their first state title game since 2001. "We did a lot of standing around and watching the ball and let them get second and third shots."

Poly (11-25) shot just 36 percent from the floor but used the rebounding advantage to jump to a 24-18 halftime lead.

The Jack Rabbits continued to rebound in the second half and stepped up their defensive pressure to open the third quarter on an 8-0 run. The spurt was enough for the Jack Rabbits to pull away from Berkeley and win their first state girls basketball title.



BERKELEY HIGH'S Danielle Ross, left, and Long Beach Poly's Brittany Brumfield chase down a ball during the CIF final.

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Lopez sets two personal records to pace St. Mary's

By Phil Jensen

TIMES STAFF WRITER

St. Mary's High School's Lauren Lopez won one event and took third in another in a highlight of area girls track and field teams at the Bay Area Blast Off invitational on Saturday at Cal.

Lopez, a senior, set personal records in both the triple jump and the long jump. She won the triple jump with a mark of 36 feet, 7 inches and was third in the long jump (16-

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11½). She won the triple jump by over two feet, as Carondelet's Andi Berner was second (34-5). In the long jump, she shattered her previous personal record of 16-0 with a mark of 16-10 on her first attempt before bettering that mark by 1½ inches on her fourth attempt.

Michelle Miller of Berkeley was fourth in the long jump (16-3). Albany's Rebecca Molinari also finished fourth in the shot put (33-5¼).

SOFTBALL

Albany 9, John Swett 2: The visiting Cougars (3-1, 2-0 Bay Shore Athletic League) answered a 1-0 deficit with seven straight runs to take control on Friday. Leana Petri was 3-for-4 with a double and three runs scored. Joan Cannon was also 3-for-

4 with three runs scored.

Albany 16, Kennedy 0: The host Cougars scored nine runs in the first inning on March 15 to put this game away. Lexie Cousins was 3-for-3 with three stolen bases and two runs scored for the Cougars.

Piedmont 13, St. Mary's 2: The host Highlanders exploded for 10 runs in the fourth inning of this BSAL game on March 15. Courtney Moore had a double for the Panthers.

Gonzalez calling it quits

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High School coach Fred Gonzalez announced Tuesday that he will be retiring from coaching and teaching at the end of this school year. He has coached the Gauchos' boys volleyball team for 15 seasons and the El Cerrito boys soccer team for 18 seasons.

His entire coaching career has spanned 35 years, starting at the

now-closed Harry Ellis High School in 1971. He also coached women's volleyball for three seasons at Contra Costa College.

"I want to try another type of career while I'm still young enough to try another career," said Gonzalez, 61.

Gonzalez has led the Gauchos' boys volleyball team to 61 straight Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League victories, including Tuesday's 25-9, 25-22,

25-10 win over host Richmond. The league victory streak dates back to 2000. Besides those five straight league titles, El Cerrito also won a Mountain Bay Athletic League volleyball title in 1994.

He was able to coach all three of his sons: Kenneth (class of '91), David ('94) and Michael ('04). "I didn't miss any of their games," Gonzalez said with a laugh.

Berkeley's Barnett, Bice pace Strokes

James Barnett and Zander Bice of Berkeley High School were both members of two high-finishing Oakland Strokes squads in the Battle of the Bay at the Oakland Estuary on Sunday.

Barnett and Bice were part of a victorious boys Varsity 4 squad that beat Marin by 18 seconds. The duo also competed for the

Strokes' boys Varsity 8, which took second place by six seconds to highly-regarded St. Ignatius.

Cole Masse of El Cerrito was a member of the Strokes' JV boys team, which took third in its race. Nathan Carbajal of St. Mary's was part of Oakland's boys novice A team which placed second by only three seconds to Marin.

In girls competition, Zoe Janacek of Berkeley was a member of the 3V boat that posted a come-from-behind victory over Marin. Ayla Koenig of Berkeley and Ella Rae Woodland of Albany were members of a victorious Strokes' girls novice B team.

— Information provided by Oakland Strokes

Boys

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El Cerrito was too much for De Anza on March 16. The Gauchos spread the ball around and hit from all angles.

That was El Cerrito's plan, to keep De Anza off guard. It worked pretty well as Anthony Cunningham had 13 kills and Robert Duffala and Don Miguel Tutass each had nine kills.

El Cerrito never trailed in the first game. Cunningham's kill closed out a 25-14 win.

The Dons fought back in the second game and took a 3-0 lead right out of the chute. However, the Gauchos stayed with them and took their first lead at 8-7 on a Tutass kill. They never trailed again. El Cerrito scored the last five points of the game to win it 25-16.

The third game was even more decisive. El Cerrito jumped out to a 5-0 advantage and led wire-to-wire in finishing off De Anza 25-10.

"That was the best one game they've played together," said Gonzalez about his team. "They were passing, blocking and hitting. It was fun to watch. They were not making any mistakes."

In the past six seasons worth of league matches, the Gauchos have not made many mistakes.

El Cerrito d. Richmond: Ruben Munguia had 15 service points and Duffala had seven kills and two blocks as the visiting Gauchos won in straight games, 25-9, 25-22, 25-10 on Tuesday. The Gauchos improved to 10-3 overall and 5-0 in the ACCAL.

Berkeley d. De Anza: Brian Ushijima passed for 16 assists and teammate Tomek Stec had nine blocks as the Yellow Jackets beat the Dons 25-16, 25-7, 28-26 on Tuesday. Berkeley improved its ACCAL record to 4-1 with the victory.

Salesian d. St. Mary's: The

Panthers' Chris Oka had seven digs as the host Panthers were unable to hold off the Chieftains 25-9, 25-7, 25-14 in a Bay Shore Athletic League match Tuesday.

Berkeley d. Encinal: Twenty-nine assists by Ushijima and 16 kills by Stec helped the host Yellow Jackets beat the Jets 25-18, 13-25, 25-18, 25-23 on March 16.

El Cerrito 169, Alameda 172: The Gauchos handed Alameda its first ACCAL loss in nearly two years on Tuesday. The last time Alameda lost a league match was April 22, 2004 to Berkeley. Scott Leong was the medalist for El Cerrito with a score of 4-over 39 at Chuck Corica Complex South in Alameda. Other El Cerrito scorers were Bryce Momono (42), Ahmad Dilliehunt (44) and Trevor Oda (44).

St. Joseph Notre Dame 207, Albany 238: Albany's Joy Kim tied the Pilots' Blake Yu for medalist honors with scores of 3-over 38 at Tilden Park Golf Course on Tuesday. Adam Barkow added a score of 39 for the Cougars.

Pinole Valley 185, El Cerrito 188: The Gauchos were edged by the Spartans on March 26 at Mira Vista. Oda was El Cerrito's medalist with a score of 6-over 41.

St. Joseph Notre Dame 203, St. Mary's 227: Jack DeRose led the Panthers with a score of 7-over 42 at Chuck Corica in Alameda. St. Mary's fell to 1-2 in BSAL action with the loss.

Piedmont 225, El Cerrito 231: Leong paced the Gauchos with a score of 6-over 40 at Claremont Country Club in Oakland on March 15.

Hercules 219, Albany 282: Kim was the medalist with a score of 2-over 37 at Tilden Park Golf Course on March 15.

TRACK AND FIELD

Piedmont Distance Festival: Albany's Colin Bauer had an impressive day in this invitational on Saturday. The senior finished

second in his 1,600-meter heat with a time of 4 minutes, 27.7 seconds, then won his 800 heat with a time of 2:00.3.

Bay Area Blast Off: The St. Mary's 1,600 relay team was victorious in this invitational at Cal. The Panthers finished with a time of 3:27.55.

BASEBALL

John Swett 4, Albany 3: The Indians took a 4-0 lead in the top of the sixth inning Friday and held on for the win. John Pirkle, Graeme Agate and Jason Bennett had two hits each for host Albany (4-2, 1-1 BSAL at press time).

Piedmont 3, St. Mary's 2: The host Highlanders broke a 2-2 tie with a run in the bottom of the sixth inning for the win on March 16. Nick Safir drove in two runs for the Panthers (3-2, 0-1 BSAL at press time). Matt Flemmer pitched a three-hitter with two earned runs and eight strikeouts.

Albany 22, Kennedy 0: Zack Babbitt was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI and teammate Fred Atkins was also 3-for-4 with three runs scored and three RBI in this easy win for the host Cougars on March 15.

TENNIS

Berkeley 7, De Anza 0: The visiting Yellow Jackets won each contested match (there was one forfeit) in straight sets Tuesday. Arik King defeated Michael Manalastas 6-4, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles match.

Berkeley 6, Pinole Valley 1: The host Yellow Jackets swept the doubles matches in this ACCAL victory on March 16. Jeff Lu and Mike Saucy won the No. 1 doubles match 6-2, 6-0 over Sean Reuyan and Allan Paulo.

St. Mary's 6, Salesian 1: The visiting Panthers swept the doubles matches in this win on March 16. David Fike and Stephen Renner defeated Brandon Edgar and Alex Edgar 6-1, 6-3 in the No. 1 doubles match.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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BASKETBALL

Adidas Jr. Phenom Camp Boys Division — April 15 and 16, Contra Costa College, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. For boys in 5th-8th grades. \$150 per player. Registration: Brian Gaither, 510-860-9973, e-mail gaibrian123@aol.com.

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Benicia High School — Looking for varsity and junior varsity head cheerleading coach. Craig Holden, athletic director, 707-751-2377.

Indian Valley Swim Club — Vacancy for swim club manager for season starting in May. For more information visit www.isvc.net. Jim Warner, 925-286-9102 or e-mail, jim.warner@erm.com.

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Meadow Swim and — Job opening for lifeguard. Orinda-based club. For more information, contact: director@meadowswim.com. Position begins April 1, 925-254-9344 or e-mail, man@yano.com.

Livorno Swim Team — Experienced swim coach. Creek-based organization. Late April-August. For more information, contact: director@livorno.org. e-mail, dfarros@earthlink.net.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Clayton Valley	6-0	Eagles out of the gate fast, pick up key wins over Monte Vista.
2.	Deer Valley	4-1	Arms, bats, gloves — the loaded Wolverines have it all this year.
3.	Acalanes	4-0	Diemer and Poppert head up Dons' long list of experienced talent.
4.	Las Lomas	4-0	Fischback, Stinson and the Adkins boys lead the charge for the Vikings.
5.	Monte Vista	3-1	Cassady is just one of many reasons to like the Mustangs this year.
6.	Liberty	3-1	Gonzales, Smith and McCarthy should put Lions in the playoff hunt.
7.	Foothill	6-0	Content doing it all early for the reinvigorated Falcons.
8.	California	1-1	Grizzlies return a boatload of talent, especially Tonneson, Roggen, S.
9.	Amador Valley	4-1	Big lefty Rowse seems to be picking up where Learned left off last year.
10.	Pinole Valley	5-1	Spartans could give El Cerrito a race in the ACCAL.

Also receiving votes: El Cerrito (3-1), De La Salle (2-3). The baseball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Results are through Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Freedom	1-0	Sister act: Amanda Williams has no-hitter, Hannah hits homer in 13th.
2.	Foothill	3-0	3B Amy Crawford goes 6-for-7 with three RBI in first three games.
3.	Newark Memorial	6-0	Cougars have outscored their first six opponents 32-1.
4.	Monte Vista	2-1	Mustangs lose 2-0 to Newark Memorial in possible NCS preview.
5.	College Park	1-0	Rain has affected the Falcons as much as anyone.
6.	San Ramon Valley	1-0	Wolves open season with 3-0 win over Berean Christian.
7.	Moreau Catholic	2-0	Mariners return most starters, should be HAAL favorites.
8.	Clayton Valley	3-0	Eagles have outscored first three opponents 12-2, including two shutouts.
9.	Livermore	4-2	Cowboys lost a lot to graduation, but they have capable replacements.
10.	Pinole Valley	2-1	Spartans have most of their starters back from last season's 19-8 record.

Others receiving votes: Concord (1-0), Berean Christian (3-1). The prep softball poll incorporates all high schools and is voted on by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through March 18.

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Berkeley

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"We are not a good boxing-out team," said Poly sophomore Jasmine Dixon. "But we worked on it all week at practice. We knew we had to box and rebound, and when we did that it gave our other players a chance to push the ball."

Dixon had 18 points and 16 rebounds to lead Poly.

The Jack Rabbits were forced to forfeit 20 games earlier this season for using an ineligible player due to a clerical error. Poly got into the postseason after principals in their league voted to give the team a wild-card berth.

Berkeley held two leads in the

game, both in the first quarter, on Alexandria Mitchell's game-opening basket and then 2 minutes, 45 seconds later on Jasmine Perkins' 3-pointer to give the Yellow Jackets a 5-4 advantage.

Mitchell had eight points to lead Berkeley, and Perkins finished with seven.

The 34-point total was a season-low for the Yellow Jackets, who produced the fewest number of points in the Division I state title game in the last 22 seasons. Los Gatos was held to 30 points in a seven-point loss to Buena-Ventura in 1984.

"We were ball-watching and that killed us," Perkins said. "They really came out ready to play, and I wish we could've come out like that."

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We get hundreds of customers requesting tune-ups. Partly because they think this will make the car run better and partly because they don't know what a tune-up is. Many times a car starts to run badly. This poor running can manifest itself as a no start, stall or even poor gas mileage. If this occurs it is very important that you notify your automotive service person that your car has drivability issues when you take it to them for repair. Generally, an auto shop will focus on complaints the customer's provides them with. So if you forget to mention something your technician assumes you don't want it repaired and he never looks into what the problem.

It's best to educate yourself regarding what it is that your vehicle manufacturer recommends. We find Toyota and Volvo are currently recommend-

ing replacement of spark plugs on most models every 60,000 miles which is approximately every six years! Neither manufacturer recommends a mileage interval for distributor cap, distributor rotor and ignition wire replacement. These items are no longer considered service items, but repair items. They suggest you wait until these fail for replacement. We don't. A good mileage interval for replacement of these items is 90,000 miles or nine years.

Even though most cars don't need tune-ups they still need regular servicing. Approximately every 5,000 miles take the car in for a safety inspection, fluid level and condition check, tire rotation and any other manufacturer recommended items. In my opinion engine oil and filter should be replaced every 3,000 miles. Transmission fluid, power steering fluid, engine coolant and brake fluid all require replacement or flushing every few years regardless of mileage. Fan belts and timing belts should be replaced at certain mileage intervals as suggested by the manufacturer. Check your service manual to be sure of what is recommended by your car's manufacturer. Remember a well serviced car is less likely to breakdown and will cost you less money in repairs in the long run.

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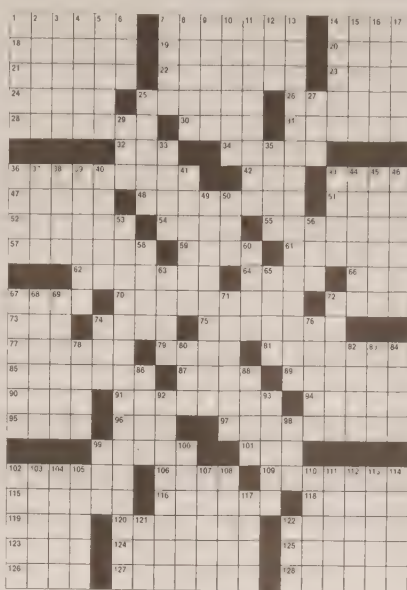
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uses a flash-card approach similar to what he did for his Oscar-winning "Traffic." But in his first outing as director, he has fashioned a compelling and urgent film that also frustrates. "Syriana" is just too much of a good thing, overly cluttered with characters to the point of confusion. George Clooney, Matt Damon and Jeffrey Wright head an A-list cast given lines worthy of Shakespeare. — R. Myers. (R: violence and language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B

"THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA": Cattle rancher Pete Perkins (Tommy Lee Jones) had promised his best friend, Melquiades, that if he died he would transport his body to his small Mexican village for burial. When Melquiades is found shot to death, Pete kidnaps the border patrol officer responsible and forces him to come along on the lengthy trek. — J. Mathews. (R: language, violence, sexuality.) 2 hours. B

"TSOTSI": This South African and Academy Award-winning film is an involving character study marked by acute psychological insight and exceptional understanding of class differences. The title character is a brutal teenage criminal whose life is redirected after he steals a car and discovers a 3-month-old baby in the back seat. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, children in jeopardy, language, substance abuse; in Tsotsi-Tsai with subtitles.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

"TRANSAMERICA": In this uneven comedy, Felicity Huffman plays Bree, a pre-op male-to-female transsexual. She is eagerly looking forward to her surgery when she gets a call from Toby (Kevin Zegers), a 17-year-old Manhattan street hustler who's landed in jail and is trying to find his father, whom he has never met, but who had a brief affair with his late mother. — K. Thomas. (R: nudity, obscenities.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B-

"TRISTRAM SHANDY: A COCK AND BULL STORY": Laurence Sterne's "The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman," written in the 1700s, has long been considered unfilmable. "Cock and Bull" is about trying to make such a movie — and, for the most part, coming off foolishly in the attempt. Even if you never get half of what this movie loses about, the half you do get should keep you laughing all the way to the library. D. Germain. (R: language, graphic childbirth.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B

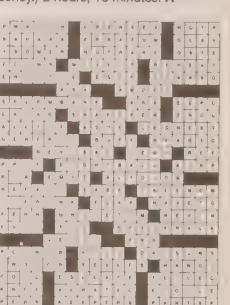
"ULTRAVIOLET": This latest in movies structured around futuristic eyewear and ultrasonated abdominals stars Milla Jovovich in the role of a genetically modified human named Violet, who for

most of the film, fights to protect a mysterious youngster who may or may not hold the key to mankind's future. Produced with a fine eye for the preferences of 12-year-old boys, "Ultraviolet" is ultra-silly. — J. Catsoulis. (PG-13: some nudity, swearing and bloodless violence.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. D

"UNKNOWN WHITE MALE": One day in 2003, Doug Bruce woke up on a New York subway train headed for destinations unknown. He didn't know who he was, where he lived or what he did for a living. In this gripping and unsettling documentary, Bruce's odyssey to reclaim and reshape his life is vividly detailed. Friend and filmmaker Rupert Murray delves into weighty matters about our own perceptions. A fascinating film that questions who really are. — R. Myers. (NR: some language) 1 hour, 27 minutes. A-

"V FOR VENDETTA": Gutsy. Also subversive. Those are just two words that spring to mind watching this complex futuristic thriller by the creators of "The Matrix" movies. Based on a graphic novel about a masked Renaissance-type man who enlists the help of a young woman (Natalie Portman) to fight a totalitarian government. — R. Myers. (R: strong violence, some language.) 2 hours, 13 minutes. B+

"WALK THE LINE": Joaquin Phoenix burns up the screen as the Man in Black in this engrossing and complex film biography of Johnny Cash. It's an electric performance, channeling the spirit of the influential and enigmatic singer. Reese Witherspoon has never been better as his eventual love interest, June Carter. The film plumbs the soul of the singer, showing us his demons and his inspirations. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some language, thematic material, depiction of drug dependency.) 2 hours, 16 minutes. A-



Movies

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"MARS": The first half of this summer film is a peek into the de-
voted before the craft can head
— a long-shot trip that one
— shooting a base-
from Los Angeles to New York
— going to go through without
— the film. Things get even
— when the craft lands and begins
— information. — C. Hewitt.
1 hour, 32 minutes. B+

"SCARED": This savagely
— about Mafia retribution
— rated NC-17. Directed
— Kramer ("The Cooler"),
— abusive husbands, a yuppie cou-

ple that dabbles in pedophilia, even
hockey-puck torture. That said, it's
stylish and energized, at times even
clever. — R. Myers. (R: pervasive
strong brutal violence and language,
sexuality, drug content.) 2 hours, 2
minutes. B-

"THE SHAGGY DOG": In this Disney
remake, Dave (Tim Allen) is angling to
become district attorney of Los Ange-
les, and his latest high-profile case —
pursuing animal rights "vandals" at the
behest of a big animal-testing drug
company — may be just the ticket.
Dave has to be bitten by a magical dog
and become canine himself to
discover the truth about the real vil-
lains. — R. Moore. (PG: mild rude hu-
mor.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"SHE'S THE MAN": In this modern
take on Shakespeare's cross-dressing
comedy, "Twelfth Night," Amanda
Bynes plays Viola, a high school soc-
cer player who pretends to be her
brother so she can play on his soccer

team. Mistaken identities, romance
and groin jokes ensue. But the movie
loses the most important part of
Shakespeare: his insight into human
behavior. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: sex-
ually themed jokes.) 1 hour, 45 minutes.
D+

"16 BLOCKS": Jack Mosley (Bruce
Willis) is a burned-out veteran New
York police detective. After pulling an
all-nighter at the precinct, the close-
to-bedraggled Jack gets one last assign-
ment before going home: Take a petty
criminal (Mos Def), a star witness in a
corruption trial, to the courthouse. No
sweat. But nothing's quite that simple
in action-movie land. — M. Tarradell.
(PG-13: violence, language.) 1 hour,
45 minutes. B-

"SOMETHING NEW": The chemistry
between Sanaa Lathan and Simon
Baker sizzles in this sharp, sweet inter-
racial romantic comedy about an up-
tight L.A. career woman falling for a

landscape architect. First-time feature
director Sanaa Hamri slips a bit, but
the lively screenplay and cast make
up for those lapses. — R. Myers. (PG-
13: sexual references.) 1 hour, 40 min-
utes. B

**"SOPHIE SCHOLL: THE FINAL
DAYS":** This grim and wrenching Ger-
man film — an Oscar nominee for
best foreign film — follows six days in
the life of Sophie Scholl, a 1940s Ger-
man college student who was arrested
and prosecuted for her anti-Nazi be-
liefs. The intense drama is well-crafted
and beautifully acted, containing a po-
tent message about the necessity for
dissenting voices in society. — R. My-
ers. (Not Rated; in German with Eng-
lish subtitles.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. A-

"SYRIANA": This relevant, meaty and
episodic political thriller ties together
multiple narratives to provocatively
peer into the world's perilous oil addic-
tion. Director/writer Stephen Gaghan

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Sor Ensemble, April 2, 4 p.m. An all-Shostakovich program in honor of his 100th anniversary \$12.

1475 Rose St., Berkeley. (510) 559-8910, www.crowdenmusiccenter.org.

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Yukomi Kambe Viol Consort, April 1, 8 p.m. The program titled "East Meets West," juxtaposes traditional Japanese court music with compositions from European masters includ-

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Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 430-2298,

www.mills.edu.

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Michael Morgan conducting. Concert No. IV, includes works by Elgar, Beethoven, Mozart, and others. 8:00 p.m. Paramount Theatre, 1225 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 625-8497, www.cbs.org.

THEATRE —
Annual Children's Choral Festival. March 30 and April 1. Featuring guest conductor Laszlo Matos. 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Per-

formance featuring seven school choirs.

April 1, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.: Performance featuring several community choirs. Free.

Valley Center for the Performing Arts, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. www.hnu.edu.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —
"Chamber Music Sundae," March 26, 3:15 p.m. A small group of San Francisco Symphony members including principal cellist Michael Grebanier perform works by Mozart and Dvorak. \$9-\$21.

2727 College Ave., Berkeley. (510)

845-6830, www.stjohns.presby-church.net.

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"The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ According to the Gospel," by Scott King. March 25, 7:30 p.m. Sanford Dole conducting. Featured soloists: Diana Landau, Ruthann Lovetang, Kevin Gibbs, and Steven Rogino. The performance of this new oratorio piece, which recounts the last hours of the life of Jesus of Nazareth according to the Gospels, also includes the St. Gregory of Nyssa Choir and the Jubilate Orchestra. \$20 donation.

"The Pacific Collegium," March 26, 3

p.m. Artistic director Christopher Kula conducting. The program features "Sacred and Profane" by Britten, and the Collegium's U.S. premier of Gorli's "Requiem." \$8-\$18.

Chanticleer, April 1, 8 p.m. The program titled "Earthquake Mass" features works by Antoine Brumel. \$25-\$42.

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Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, March 29. Kent Nagano conducting. Featuring pianist Garrick Ohlsson and violinist Stuart Canin. An all Schumann program.

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Novello Quartet, April 1, 8 p.m. A program featuring works of Mozart and Haydn.

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3864, www.trinitychamberconcerts.com.

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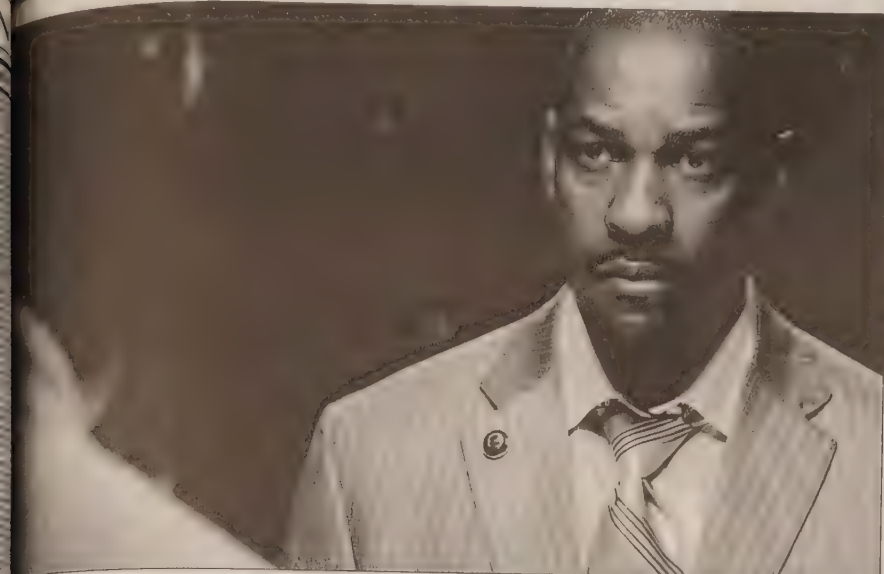
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KEITH FRAZIER (Denzel Washington) thinks through the crime in "Inside Man," a tense Manhattan bank hostage drama.

'Inside' puts Spike back on top

Randy Myers
STAFF WRITER

Lee is far from consis-
tently terrific "Malcolm
X" a pathetic "She Hate
My Reputation."
The provocative direc-
tor cranking out duds;
"25th Hour" with Ed-
ward Norton being an exception.
Norton assume Lee is down
beat. He's got the mercu-
ry of a phoenix, and with
drama "Inside Man," he
again. Only this time, he's
in a surprising new di-
rector's stream moviemaking,
suddenly "Inside" not
just his creator from a
career, but revitalizes
him. With its crafty, let's-
go-business screenplay
by Gil Kewitz and hairpin
turn, "Man" pounces on
viewer and never lets go.
Film's opening and clos-
ing — a bouncy Bollywood-
style — lets you know
it's a playful mood.
The group seems pure pulp fic-

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Inside Man"
- **STARRING:** Denzel Washing-
ton, Clive Owen, Jodie Foster,
Chiwetel Ejiofor
- **RATING:** R (language,
some violent content)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours,
9 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today
at area theaters
- **GRADE:** A-

tion: Four robbers, led by a rogu-
ishly handsome Dalton Russell
(Clive Owen), take nearly 50 peo-
ple hostage at a Manhattan bank.
Summoned to negotiate is second-
ary Detective Keith Frazier (Denzel
Washington), a man too casually
overlooked by bigwigs; maybe
because of skin color or perhaps
a red flag on his record.

Cop and robber wage a cat-
and-mouse battle, each trying to
outmaneuver the other.

While this unfolds, two sup-

porting yet vital characters enter
the drama, a shady chairman on
the bank board and a female
powerbroker, Arthur Case (Chris-
topher Plummer in another only per-
formance) wants to ensure that se-
crets from his past won't surface.
He calls upon the best in the busi-
ness to keep those misdeeds buried
— Madeline White (Jodie Foster),
a mysterious clean-up woman for
the rich and the notorious.

Although some elements and
characters appear to have been
ripped from a heist drama text-
book, nothing here is quite what
it seems. Only later do you truly
appreciate how the fresh coats
of paint have been applied.

Of course a fuss will be made
about how this is Lee's most
crowd-pleasing film, and while
that's undeniably true, it doesn't
mean he's sold out. "Inside" is still
quintessential Lee, complete with
crowd scenes created with an ar-
chitect's attention to detail. There's
also a rich supporting cast of New
Yorkers, many of whom reveal
much about race and even racial

profiling. With this movie, Lee re-
lies on humor to address the sit-
uation, and it's very effective.

The director also daringly
plays with time, flashing forward
to Frazier and Detective Bill
Mitchell (Chiwetel Ejiofor of
"Dirty Pretty Things") interro-
gating hostages. It's a hard feat
to pull off, but trust me, it works.

What also works, with well-
oiled efficiency, is the incredible
ensemble cast, with standouts
Washington and Owen. These two
actors play off each other beau-
tifully, showing mere hints that they
admire and respect each other. As
the intriguing Madeline, Foster fi-
nally sheds her frantic mother
routine of late and gets a chance
to be cool and calculating.

Everyone involved deserves
credit for making "Inside Man"
one of the most satisfying and
original thrillers in a long time.
In a way this film does for Lee
what "Match Point" did for
Woody Allen: It shows that the
creative fire still burns in the
belly of its maker.

where you can add or subtract
characters — where the rough
draft that you start with isn't going
to be what you get to in the end."
Yee says. "That's very exciting."

Liz, the "Synesthesia" play-
wright, agrees: "I think the most
incredible thing about a play is
the fact that it is collaborative.
You have a lot of people who are
working together on different as-
pects to create one thing, and I
think when you have so many
people inputting their own ideas,
then you wind up getting so
many fresh perspectives."

In addition to the opportunity
to work collaboratively with peers,
the festival participants also get a
chance to work with seasoned the-
ater professionals, something that
rarely occurs in the average high
school theater program. The avail-
ability of all of Berkeley Rep's re-
sources — and the willingness to
share them — has made the festi-
val a satisfying experience for
many of the participants.

"We are so lucky to be next door
to Berkeley Rep and have these
people come and be our mentors,"
Leslie, the "Synesthesia" stage man-
ager, says. "If you have a question,
you can always ask someone, and
they usually have an answer."

Sara Layton is a senior at
Pinole Valley High School.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

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Fiction

1. "In the Company of the Courte-
san," by Sarah Dunant. (Random
House, \$23.95.)
2. "Intuition," by Allegra Goodman.
(Dial, \$25.)
3. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown.
(Doubleday, \$24.95.)
4. "Arthur & George," by Julian Barnes.
(Knopf, \$24.95.)
5. "Nightlife," by Thomas Perry. (Ran-
dom House, \$24.95.)
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McCaddon

FROM PAGE C10

become a professional until the
mid-1970s. I was teaching litera-
ture at UC San Diego. I was a
single mother with a small child
and was supposed to have a full
teaching load and finish my
Ph.D. And of course I didn't — I
didn't finish writing it.

They said I would kindly have
to leave because I hadn't finished
my dissertation. It was like a light
bulb going off. I thought, "I can
do what I really want to do! I can
act!"

Q: What was it like for you
to switch careers like that?

A: It was scary, but there were
lots of things I could do. When I
came back up here to the Bay
Area, I earned a living by doing
proofreading and editing. Then I
started doing commercials and
then started narrating audio
books. The industry was just be-
ginning.

Q: How do you approach
narration? Does your acting
background come into play? Do
you inhabit characters when
you're reading?

A: Well, there are two different
kinds of narrators. There are
people who narrate everything in
the same voice. There are other
ones who do all the character
voices. They're called voiced and
unvoiced narration, and some
people like one and some people
like another. But, I think as far
as I know, one is only capable of
doing one kind. I could no more
read all the characters in the
same voice than I could fly to the
moon. I hear the characters hav-
ing different voices, so of course,
I give them to them.

I have a studio in my home, so
I narrate there. I always read the
books cold. I may sort of riffle
through to make sure where it's set

and what kind of people they are,
but very quickly, basically. I just
open the book and start to read.

It's very fresh and exciting be-
cause you're discovering it page
by page as you go along. But if you
read a book first, you're not quite
able to convey that. I think there
is something missing from the
tone of the narrator's voice if they
know what's going to happen
next.

Q: Are there any books that
you're working on right now?

A: I haven't started yet, but
I'm going to be reading a book
about the ancient Maya, which
is full of really bizarre pronun-
ciations because of all those Q's
and T's ... names like Quetzal-
coatl. That's going to be a diffi-
cult one, I think.

Q: What about acting? What
roles do you like to tackle?

A: Well, they've got to be in-
teresting women. They've got to
be challenging. I like roles where
the women are quirky and funny
and have great speeches —
something that challenges you.
It's also nice to play someone
who's completely unlike yourself.

Q: What do you enjoy most
about what you do?

A: With reading, I think it's
the challenge of conveying the
author's exact nuance to the lis-
tener. If you get a prose writer
who writes really beautiful prose,
and it's very nuanced, when you
read it, you're delighted by the
way the writer is conveying tiny
little impressions, be they satir-
ical or ironic or amused or what-
ever. That's so delightful. The
challenge of conveying every bit
of that, of the nuances, to the
reader is very exciting. I love
that!

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year's other winner,
"Death" — submitted by
a High School senior Liz
— is about a teen girl
who is suffering
from a title disorder, which
mixing up of the senses
leads her, for example, see
addition to the difficul-
ty condition, she is also
with the changing rela-
tionship with her mother
and friend, Garret.
That accurately portray
how far and between,
participants in the festi-
val there aren't enough
out there, which makes
community like this all the
more special. Both Yee and Liz
wrote scripts specifically for
the festival, with a teen cast in
mind to bring across how
different challenges and
different things are
in the lives of today's
teens. Yee says, "You don't
find different activities
anywhere — you
find different ways
to do different things
that impact your
life differently than
what you hadn't expected."
The participants' obvious
talent of the teenage

state of mind, they can empathize
with their characters and really
internalize their roles. "I definitely
find it easier in a play like
this to find within the character
something I have experience with
and understand," says Hallie.

However, Blake Longfellow, a
junior at San Ramon Valley High
School and director of "Synes-
thesia," is quick to point out that
many teen actors have enough
skill and maturity to play many of
the older characters found in the-
ater. "Even though teen actors are
young, and they may not have ex-
perienced everything yet, I saw
'Death of a Salesman,' and my
school's doing 'Death of a Sales-
man' next year, and I can tell you
right now that we can pull off
'Death of a Salesman' a hundred
times better than they did." But,
as a director, he says, "For the
most part, yes, (the teen per-
spective) does make it easier. They
can relate to the issues more."

Audiences may find the plays
easier to identify with as well. Ado-
lescence is a universal phenome-
non, and the playwrights and di-
rectors believe that everybody will
be able to get something out of this
realistic depiction of teen life.
"Most adults, well, they may have
to think back but they can relate,"
Blake says. "In my mind, 'Synes-
thesia' hits a lot on that awk-

wardness of adolescence. There
are some very awkward moments,
particularly between Garret and
Berkeley, like when he tells her
that he loves her, and so forth.
That's what the show means to
me, it really captures that awk-
wardness."

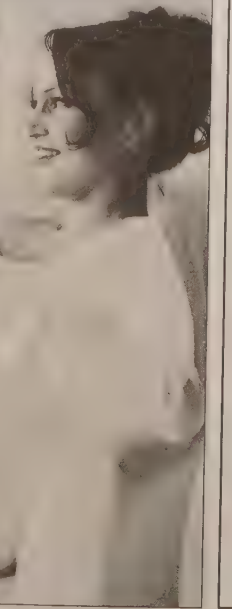
Yee's protagonist, Louis Fleish-
man, has similar problems: "He's
a young man who's very uncom-
fortable with others and the world
around him," she says. "This play
is about him gradually becoming
more comfortable with other peo-
ple and being OK with the world."
Both plays, however, also deal
with issues that transcend typical
teenage fare and apply to people
at every stage of life. Leslie Ri-
bovich, a junior at Albany High
School and the stage manager for
"Synesthesia," says, "Teen issues
aren't necessarily completely sepa-
rate from adult issues. There are
a lot of universal issues."

Another thing that makes the
festival unique is the collaborative
environment present during the re-
hearsal process. With playwright,
director, actors and technical crews
all working together to create what
is essentially the world premiere
of a new play, there's an opportu-
nity for everyone to contribute
and for everyone to grow.

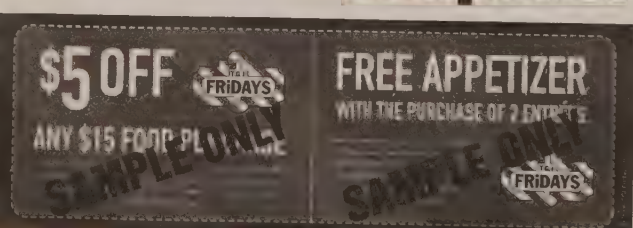
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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

'Capote' proves Hoffman's gift

CAPOTE

It takes about 10 seconds to realize why Philip Seymour Hoffman won the Best Actor Oscar for his staggering portrayal of famed author Truman Capote. Hoffman has become one of the great actors of his generation, and it is a privilege to watch him work. The film shows how Capote, a leading literary light among the New York swells in the 1950s and early '60s, as he struggles with his conscience while writing the book "In Cold Blood," chronicling the murder of a rural Kansas family. Hoffman alone makes this film, but the Best Picture, Best Director and Best Supporting Actress nominations "Capote" also racked up ring as an amen choir testifying to the movie's triumph. The graphic violence is too much for kids, and only sophisticated teens are likely to appreciate the rich nuances. (R: Violence and language). 1 hour and 56 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3½ stars

Kids: N/A

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 3½ stars

Seniors: 3½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes — A fascinating, fabulous film.

WALK THE LINE

This rockumentary on the rise, fall and rebirth of country music god Johnny Cash is stellar. Joaquin Phoenix is magnificent as Cash, and earned the Best Actor nomination through every ounce of sweat on display in the film. Reese Witherspoon, one of my favorite actresses of this or any era, serves as the glue that holds the film together, just as her character June Carter did in life for Cash. Witherspoon's splendid performance was aptly rewarded with the Best Actress Oscar. The DVD is a little long, which won't help kids and teens already predisposed to be bored by a film about a dead musician. (PG-13: Drugs and violence). 2 hours and 16 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 1 star

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — You don't need to be a fan of Johnny Cash to appreciate this rollicking winner.

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK

"Good Night" takes us back to the golden age of television, when CBS was truly the Tiffany Network and broadcast news actually mattered. This black-and-white masterpiece shows us the behind-the-scenes struggle of legendary CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow to expose Sen. Joseph McCarthy as a fear-mongering thug. Veteran character actor David Strathairn plays Murrow through a haze of cigarette smoke that borders on perfection. Whether you lived through the McCarthy era or just learned of it through a school textbook, this DVD brings the story vibrantly to life and manages to be relevant in today's acidic political climate. "Good Night" was deservedly nominated for a raft of Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Director for George Clooney. Kids and most teens will be unimpressed by the period setting and the absence of car chases, but adults and seniors will cherish every minute of this brilliant film. (PG: Suicide and brief language). 1 hour and 33 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 4 stars

Kids: 1 star

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 3½ stars

Seniors: 4 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Movies don't get any better than this.

J.B. Alderman lives in Piedmont and can be reached via www.PhDVD.com.



"JOEY BUTTAFUOCO Eats a Pastrami Sandwich or Louis Fleischman Learns to Walk," which features, at left from left, Kim Fischer and Hallie Sekoff, is one of two that are written, directed and performed by Bay Area teenagers as part of this year's Target Teen One Acts Festival. Hallie and Spencer Fortin, at right, rehearse for "Synesthesia."

Teen plays a class act

Collaboration a running theme at annual one-act theater festival

IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Target Teen One Acts Festival

■ **WHEN:** 8 p.m. March 31, April 1, 7-8; 2 p.m. April 2

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Rep School of Theatre, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley

■ **COST:** \$5 students, \$10 general; tickets available at the door

■ **CONTACT:** 510-647-2972, www.berkeleyrep.org

By Sara Layton
CORRESPONDENT

IN A SPARSELY furnished room in downtown Berkeley, sophomore Hallie Sekoff asks a question that is all too familiar to the high school crowd: "Why should I go to Stanford? I'm not going to get in." A typical student lament? No. It's a line from "Joey Buttafuoco Eats a Pastrami Sandwich, or Louis Fleischman Learns to Walk," and Sekoff is preparing for her role as

Amy in the upcoming production.

This is not, however, your typical rehearsal. Although the vibe in the room is something any professional theater company would strive for — focused, alert and receptive to new ideas — it's actually a rehearsal for one of two new plays that are written, directed and performed by Bay Area teenagers as part of this year's Target Teen One Acts Festival. This is the fourth year of the festival, which is sponsored by Target and the

Berkeley Repertory Theatre's School of Theatre. One of the most unusual events in Bay Area theater, it's also a great chance to see plays that have authentic, believable teenage characters.

"Being that it's written by teens, directed by teens, I think it adds an interesting and really fresh perspective on the work," says Lauren Yee, author of one of the selected plays. "You're not an adult trying to think of what it was like to be 16."

"Joey Buttafuoco Eats a Pastrami Sandwich, or Louis Fleischman Learns to Walk," is one of two plays now attending the festival. The final question he deals with the deal with his as well.

See PLAYS



YORK NG and Kacey Berry, at left from left, and Kacey with Elena Wagoner, at right, perform in "Synesthesia."

Actress looks to stage and page for inspiration

By Jennifer Modenessi
STAFF WRITER

With its honeyed tones dipped in a most proper British accent, it's no surprise that Wanda McCaddon's voice has been dubbed "golden."

The Kensington resident is one of AudioFile magazine's "Golden Voices," and has won 14 Earphone awards for her work in narration.

Recently, she played mum to Eliza Doolittle's Professor Henry Higgins in Diablo Light Opera Company's production of "My Fair Lady."

Wildly diverse may be one way to describe her career. With roots as a newspaper reporter and a university professor, McCaddon has an ear for words. Throw in a passion for literature and a gift for diction and you not only have a stage, television and film actress, but a born narrator.

In fact, McCaddon has made quite a career out of book narration. She's committed more

than 600 books to tape and logs over 1,200 hours a year inside her home recording studio, reading everything from scholarly works to historical prose.

And somehow, she still finds time to garden.

Q: You've had a very interesting career as an actress, university professor, narrator and newspaper reporter. What came first?

A: I was a newspaper reporter first, in England. Then there was a bad time in English newspapers where they were all swallowing one another.

My paper was swallowed by another paper. A friend and I, who was also a reporter, came to the United States on a lark ... and I just never went back!

Q: When did you get involved in the performing arts?

A: Well, I had always been doing it for fun because I'd never done it professionally. I didn't



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KENSINGTON'S Wanda McCaddon just finished a stint as Mrs. Higgins in DLOC's production of "My Fair Lady."

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Section D

The 2006 Nissan Pathfinder is ideal for growing families

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Is your family getting bigger and you need more seating capacity? The 2006 Nissan Pathfinder seven-seat sport utility vehicle may be the answer.

The 2006 model is the third generation of the Pathfinder and now offers third-row seating, plus a new 4.0-liter V6 engine that produces 270 horsepower. The platform rides on a full-size Titan chassis.

As families grow, there are more tentacles to explore areas other than shopping for parking lots. The SE Off Road is ideal for this purpose. It is loaded with an automatic 4WD transmission that features a "super wide" gear range for good acceleration. This system includes an advanced off-road traction system that includes Hill Descent Control and Assist plus 4-Wheel Limited-Slip, which helps limit slip when starting on low surfaces. When the HDC is engaged, it allows the driver to stop on a release the brake pedal and not roll back for two seconds. The new HDC allows for going downhill without constant application on the brakes.

Those interested in towing, this SUV has a 6,000-pound capacity. The base price is \$28,500, but numerous options brought the price to \$36,330 on the tester.

The Pathfinder came with 16-inch alloy wheels, which was the first thing that caught my eye. During my inspection, I found it had automatic headlight leveling, a universal Homelink system, a radio system AM/FM six-CD connected to nine speakers, and controls on the steering wheel. It also has a DVD entertainment system with a color monitor. The leather seats have a heated front door trim plus the heated front door trim included in the option package made me feel comfortable during the week.

Additional third row gives this comfortable seven-passenger car. I'm told, can be folded down into different seating and cargo configurations.



MOTOR MATTERS



THE THIRD ROW gives this Pathfinder seven-passenger seating that can be folded down into 64 different seating and cargo configurations.

KEANE ON WHEELS

figurations.

Although the Pathfinder is a midsize SUV, it bears a strong resemblance to the larger Nissan Armada that has an angled strut-style grille and powerful overall presence yet straightforward functionality.

The new exterior features on the Pathfinder include a new roof rack design with integrated forward and rear grips and an updated tailgate design with flip-up hatch roof opening. It also has heated outside mirrors and a power slide/tilt sunroof.

Because the Pathfinder now has a longer wheelbase, it provides more interior ride comfort than the previous model. The longer wheelbase allows greater overall length and the short front and rear overhangs allow for better maneuverability both in around-town and off-road driving.

It's not so much the off-road driving

NISSAN PATHFINDER

Vehicle Type	Seven-passenger, four-wheel drive, full-size sport utility vehicle
Suggested Retail	\$28,500
Price As Tested	\$36,330
Engine Type	V6 DOHC 24-valve w/Nissan VIS
Horsepower	225 @ 5,600 rpm
Torque	291 @ 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	112 inches
Height	73 inches
Curb Weight	4,771 pounds
Fuel Capacity	21 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 15/21

that is of concern, but how well it holds up while on road and in an accident. This SUV includes Zone Body construction with front and rear crumple zones, plus the Nissan Advanced Airbag System, featuring dual-stage front airbags, seat-belt sensors

and three-point seat belts for all rear seat occupants, including the second-row center position. Naturally, the child safety LATCH system is included.

If you're interested in this vehicle, you're not just limited to the SE Off Road model.

This Pathfinder offers the choice of four models, all with the 4.0-liter V6 engine and automatic transmission but with the choice of 4x2 and 4x4 configurations. Another choice is the option of 17-inch wheels.

If your family is growing bigger and you want to explore the great outdoors, the 2006 Pathfinder is an ideal answer.

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Original, aging tires need replacement on 1979 AMC Pacer

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

"I love my orphans," Nick Marinaccio says. Among the cars he has owned are a Nash, an Edsel, a Rambler and a DeSoto, all of which are no longer produced.

In October 2005, Marinaccio wasn't actively searching for a car but was merely browsing in cyberspace when information about a 1979 AMC Pacer arrested his attention. It was a car very much like one he had seen advertised when he was a student in Syracuse, N.Y. The difference was that the car was new back then and, as a student, he had no money.

AMC advertised the Pacer as "the first wide small car." Indeed, it was as wide as the full-sized car offered by AMC, yet rode on a 100-inch wheelbase.

It came close to being a square car. With its enormous area of glass, occupants often had the feeling they were motoring in a giant fish bowl. Information gathered by Marinaccio indicates the original owner of the Pacer had purchased a new 1956 Ford that was lost to rust in only three years of negotiating the roads in and around Madawaska, Maine. He became determined to never allow such a thing to happen to any of his cars again. Thereafter all of his cars were extensively rust-proofed. As a further measure he drove old pickup trucks during the winter months when his cars were garaged.

The Pacer received the same treatment

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after it was purchased new at Valley Motors Inc. in Fort Kent, Maine. The rust-proofers must have done a remarkably thorough job, aided by the fact that the car was never driven during the winter months when salt and chemicals were on the road. To this day the car shows not the first hint of rust.

After gathering additional information about the 3,133-pound Pacer, Marinaccio took the plunge and purchased the car, sight unseen, on Oct. 17, 2005. "I love that big little car," Marinaccio says. When the two-tone sable brown/alpaca brown car arrived at his Silver Spring, Md., home on the back of a truck, Marinaccio was ecstatic to hear the 258-cubic-inch, inline six-cylinder engine spring to life with no hesitation and rhythmically purr.

Marinaccio replaced the entire headliner that was starting to sag a bit. He also replaced the two gas-filled struts that support the hatchback when it is open.

The original window sticker indicates the base price for the 1979 AMC Pacer DL hatchback was \$4,874. To that price, according to the window sticker, was added an automatic gearbox, power steering, inner coating, rear defroster, AM push-button radio, power disc brakes, tinted glass, two-tone paint, protection group, visibility group, white wall radial tires, light group,



AMC ADVERTISED THE PACER as "the first wide small car." Indeed, it was as wide as the full-sized car offered by AMC, yet rode on a 100-inch wheelbase. The AMC Pacer came close to being a square car. With its enormous area of glass, occupants often had the feeling they were motoring in a giant fish bowl.

cold climate group, and seat fabric trim for a total of \$1,205. With all these extra cost options and a \$304 transportation charge, the total came to \$6,383.

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Intake manifold problems frustrate Buick owner

SENIOR DAMATO
EDITOR
 I own a 2002 Buick LeSabre that I purchased with only 24,000 miles. The engine is 34,000 miles. The car was a 1998 Buick Wildcat that would not start at first, so I had it towed to the shop and they said the intake manifold was leaking and had to be replaced. Now, the intake manifold on my 2002 LeSabre has leaked at a cost of \$675. My friend owns a Ford Taurus and it took a class action lawsuit to get the problem fixed. Why isn't Buick taking care of the problem? I have had for many years. Robert

AUTO DOCTOR

If car companies took better care of their customers when problems do arise. The earlier GM intake manifolds were metal and now are made of plastic, which is lighter and can be formed easier, and in most cases, is very durable. The auto industry is not alone using plastic in engines. With the amount of plastic intake manifold and throttle body failures, I think you'll see a class action suit against GM within the next year.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Mercury Grand Marquis with 102,000 miles. I have two problems. When I blow the horn, the horn fuse also blows. Secondly, the "check engine" light came on

and the shop said it is an emissions problem. I had the light reset and it came back on in 20 miles. — Andrew

Dear Andrew: The first step is to simply unplug both horns and hold the horn button down and see if the fuse blows. If the fuse blows, the problem is in the wiring or steering column. If the fuse does not blow, check each horn individually. As for the "check engine" light being on, the technician can scan the computer for trouble codes and then check the affected circuit.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Honda Civic EX. My problems both relate to the heater and defroster. I find it hard to believe that the air conditioner and defroster are linked together. Also, I cannot get hot air to blow out of the

heater vents. Warm air will come out of the dash vents. It takes forever to defrost the windshield. The dealer says the car is fine. — Patricia

Dear Patricia: I hear a lot of complaints on hard to defrost/defog windows in small cars such as your Civic. There are many factors that cause the fogging of the inside windows. Moisture is the primary culprit. Rubber and vinyl floor mats do not absorb moisture and can retain moisture under them. The number of occupants riding in the car will also increase moisture. The a/c and defroster are linked together in the majority of vehicles. The a/c does remove moisture even in the cold weather. The problem of poor heat out of the lower heat vents is not normal. I suggest you take the car

to another shop and have it checked. Also make sure the engine is operating at the correct temperature and the heater control valve is functioning properly.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2005 Nissan Titan pickup with only 6,000 miles. In cold weather I can hear and feel a noticeable clunk when the transmission shifts into third gear. It also makes a clunk on the first shift cycle. The dealer didn't seem to be concerned, but I spent a lot of money for this truck and I'm very concerned. — Clyde

Dear Clyde: I looked on our Alldata and Identifix data bases and there were no bulletins on your clunking sound. I can tell you that some vehicles will make sounds or noises in cold weather conditions. I recently spent a week in a 2006 Titan pickup and en-

joyed every mile in it. The Titan is a very solid truck.

Dear Doctor: How can I obtain major service interval guidelines for my 2002 Ford Ranger with 25,000 miles and my 2001 Chevrolet Venture with 42,000 miles? I drive about 6,000 miles a year. Is changing the oil three times a year sufficient? — Scot

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Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

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Contacts: Phones: Goodguys 925-838-9876 or Alameda County Fairgrounds 925-426-7600. Web: www.goodguys.com or www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Event features

Indoor car show: Traditional custom cars (like the attached photo) from 1949 through 1954 vintage will be the highlight of the in-

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Vintage race car display: The Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) will display approximately 20 vintage midgets and sprint cars inside the Young California Building. The BCRA — was incorporated in 1939, making it the oldest auto racing club or association west of the

Mississippi. The BCRA still promotes both contemporary and vintage midget events around northern and central California. Some of the racers expected in Pleasanton include Tom Belfiore's Edmonds/Chevy II entry, Harry Craycroft's 1962 Kurtis/Chevy II powered midget, Frank Goularte 1969 Edmonds/Daimler hemi entry among many other famous West Coast runners. Offy powered racers include the Shonolan family entry and the highlight may well be the 1936 Kurtis/Ford V860 powered midget owned by Paul Ferreira.

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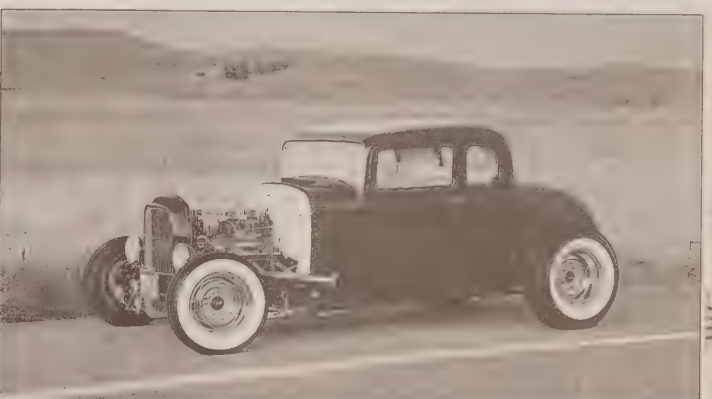
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CARS LIKE THIS 1951 Mercury will highlight the indoor car show at the Goodguys 24th All-American Get-Together.



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Harley-Davidson nostalgia grabs writer's heart

BY ARV VOSS
MOTOR MATTERS

Not too long ago, I reviewed Harley-Davidson's FLSTC Softail Springer Classic in this column. I wrapped it up by stating, "Add fishtail exhaust tips, swap out the seat for the deluxe saddle and you're on your way back to the future. Now, if there were a way to add retooled heads to resemble the 1948 Panhead that served as

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the bike's inspiration, and a floating single seat, it would suit me even more." The bike that I tested was a fuel-injected model finished in Lava Red Sunglo over Vivid Black. The "horseshoe" oil tank was done in black, sporting the motor company's vintage

patent label for nostalgic emphasis. The bike's base sticker was \$18,070 while the "out-the-door" total came to \$21,356.58.

Perhaps the biggest problem with reviewing Harley-Davidson motorcycles is that I tend to hang out at the dealership more frequently than most, which exposes me to some pretty cool iron on a regular basis. I was smitten with both the Softail Deluxe and the Softail Springer Classic when they made their debut in Sturgis in 2004, but I actually gravitated more toward the Springer due to its greater nostalgic flavor. I had been toying with the idea of acquiring a genuine classic bike, but given the reality of reduced dependability, higher upkeep, sacrificed comfort (face it, pushing a button is much easier and less strenuous than kick-starting an ancient ride) and puddles of oil, I decided to go in another direction — making a new bike look like an older one, while enjoying modern technology and reliability.

There just happened to be a carbureted, Softail Springer Classic finished all in black that had been sitting on my dealer's showroom floor for a couple of months. Nobody except me showed any interest. It seems that most potential buyers tend to shy away from Springer front ends in general, while also preferring fuel-injected motors over carburetion. Increased exposure during repeated visits intensified my interest (make that lust). Then I received a letter from the Motor Company as a HOG member, offering \$1,000 in parts and accessories for the purchase of any new Softail model before the end of the month.

That did it — but how was I to justify the purchase of another Harley, since I had just gotten a Police Road King and modified it the year before? Not to worry, just use the "sale" psychology that my significant other always uses: "Honey, guess how much money I just saved?" First things first — a deal was negotiated for the neglected model that had been sitting on display for too long, then a seat swap was made with the Deluxe model, and parts were ordered to enhance the bike's "Old School" flavor and look.

I sat down with in-house custom guru "Raider" Jeff and picked his brain during more than one lengthy session, selecting parts that would blend harmoniously to give my ride that vintage, collectible look. I chose teardrop shaped mirrors to match the front axle covers that I had picked out, nostalgic

handlebar grips and floor boards for both rider and passenger, a classic derby cover and round air cleaner, a unique solid tank cap for the left side to match the right, with edge LED fuel level indicators, a lay-down license plate holder, a vintage horn and extended directional light bezels. With my first service, I opted for a Knucklehead Rocker Cover kit to replace the stock units. Flash Gordon (or Classic Fish Tail) slip-on exhausts and a carb modification kit.

Shop mechanic Barry, having installed a couple of PanHead conversions, would perform the surgery. It turned out that the Knucklehead kit was nowhere near a bolt-on application, and required both internal and external grinding to fit properly, along with shimming the rear tank mount for clearance. The exhaust necessitated shortening and adding spacers for the desired effect, and since there is no stock mount for the vintage horn, a custom bracket was fabricated courtesy of shop service manager Terry. Thom MacIlhannan, the dealership owner, actually

surrendered his Knucklehead my bike and found me less front and rear new

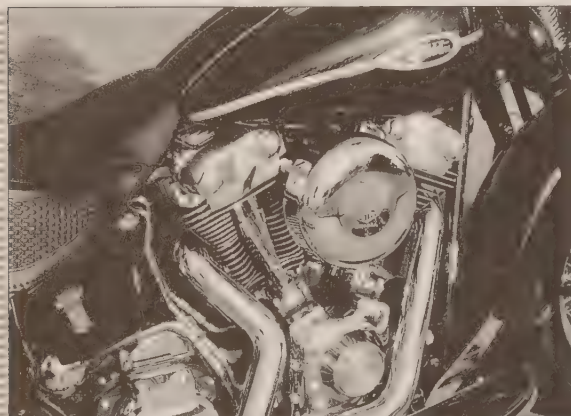
The mechanicals for the bike were essentially the same — a fuel-cooled, Twin Cam 880 OHV, V-Twin connected to a sequential manual transmission with a better throttle response via a rear wheel via a final belt drive and the exhaust note was sweeter. At 3,000 rpm, a satisfying 85 ponies were further tweaking will

The nostalgic Springer Classic already in place on the road to the bike's heritage look was a standard 16-inch chrome blackwall Harley-Davidson Dunlop. No, my Knucklehead though there are others that it is, while others have a restored vintage one.

The key here is that with the help of a few bikes — OK, and a few more can't take it with you. About bikes actually) are about



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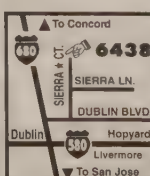
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few models shown in Geneva will come to U.S.

BY MICHELLE KREBS

GENEVA, Switzerland — "The Geneva Motor Show is about diversifying the European automotive market," told me in describing the importance of production vehicles produced at the Geneva show earlier this month. "No single vehicle stood out as a showstopper. Nor did the show have any surprises. And the industry's challenging economy played a role as press ranks were reduced and pure concepts were not as appropriate to the show as the backdrop, luxury and performance continued as dominant themes as the show served its purpose as a fair of expensive, fast, sports cars."

Last year, the Alfa Romeo Brera was considered the sexiest car at the Geneva show. This year, Alfa Romeo's with the Spider, a two-seater reminiscent of the Giulietta of the 1950s and the Duetto of the 1960s. Two engines offered in Europe — one rated at 170 horsepower and another producing 200 horsepower.

After showing the concept version, BMW revealed the real thing, the BMW Z4 M Coupe, on sale in June, based on the recently redesigned Z4 and is equipped with a 3.2-liter

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straight-six engine rated at 252 horsepower and 269 pounds-foot of torque.

The show's headturner was the Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano. Its stunning beauty is combined with what Ferrari boasts is the most powerful engine ever for a 12-cylinder berlinetta. The 6.0-liter V12, developed from the engine that powers the Enzo super car and paired with a new-generation F1 gearbox, delivers 620 horsepower.

Not to be outdone by Ferrari, Lamborghini showed the Murcielago LP640. The letters and numbers refer to the engine's position, as said in Italian, being longitudinally rear mounted, and its 640 horsepower, up from 580 on the standard Murcielago. It goes on sale this spring for about \$330,000.

Mercedes-Benz introduced a batch of AMG models, featuring the new AMG-developed 6.3-liter V8. The engine is in the new CLS63 AMG and CLK63 AMG (the CLK is in coupe and convertible form), and the AMG versions of the facelifted SL-Class: the SL55 AMG and SL65 AMG. Mercedes also showed the new GL-Class, which includes the diesel engines.

General Motor's Opel brought back the GT, this time built on the same platform as the Saturn Sky and the Pontiac Solstice and produced at the same Wilmington, Del., plant. Like the original, produced from 1968 to 1973, the new GT is a rear-drive two-seater, but adds a fully retractable fabric roof. It is powered by a 2.0-liter, 260-horsepower turbocharged version of GM's four-cylinder Ecotec engine. It goes on sale next spring, starting at under 30,000 Euros.

Porsche showed the 2007 911 Turbo, on sale this summer starting at \$122,900. Its styling changes are evolutionary. The differences are under the hood. The new one is outfitted with a 3.6-liter boxer engine with twin turbochargers, which is paired to the standard six-speed manual transmission or the optional Tiptronic S five-speed automatic. The engine delivers 480-horsepower at 6,000 rpm, up 60 from the previous version. Peak torque also increases, to 457 pounds-foot from 415, across a wider range.

Volvo unveiled its redesigned flagship S80 that arrives in the U.S. next February for about \$40,000. Volvo describes the S80's new design as "Scandinavian luxury." For the first time, the S80 gets a V8 engine, one borrowed from the XC90 sport utility. The 4.4-liter V8 in the S80 produces 311 horsepower and 325 pounds-foot of torque.

Mazda and Honda showed sporty cars for buyers on budgets. The performance-oriented Mazda3 MPS — called the MazdaSpeed3 in the U.S. — goes on sale this summer. Honda's Civic Type R will be the performance version of the

small car for Europe.

More down to earth and representative of the vast majority of vehicles traveling the real streets of Switzerland and other European countries, the Geneva show had loads of small cars and small, car-based people movers on display. Most of them will never be sold in the U.S.

Renault displayed the sporty new Clio Renault Sport. Peugeot unveiled the 207. Volkswagen's

Skoda unveiled its intriguing and appropriately named Roomster, going into production for Europe. The car is teeny on the outside but roomy on the inside. Sadly, a couple of cute convertibles — Mitsubishi's Pininfarina-designed and built CZC coupe-Cabriolet and Ford's second-generation, topless Focus — won't come to the U.S.

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THE GENEVA MOTOR SHOW'S headturner was the Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano.



BMW Z4 M COUPE, on sale in June, is based on the recently redesigned Z4.

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General Motor's sport utility vehicles benefit from Autoride

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DOWN THE ROAD

Automakers have been tinkering with so-called active suspensions for years and it looks like their efforts are beginning to pay off. The whole idea is to create a suspension that senses what is happening at each wheel so that the settings for individual suspension components can be modified to cancel out road irregularities.

The ultimate suspension creates the illusion of floating along on a cloud while the wheels move up and down over those bumps and undulations. Ordinary suspensions simply cushion the shock from bumps in the road with springs, and reduce bounce with dampers or shock absorbers. But a major problem with such hardware is a tradeoff between good ride and good handling.

At one extreme, a firm suspension — one with stiff springs and unforgiving shocks — provides good handling characteristics because it eliminates the kinds of body motion that inhibit good han-

dling. But the result is a hard ride. The other extreme is a soft suspension that delivers a comfortable ride, but handling suffers due to increased body motion.

Trucks typically have firm suspensions because of the need to carry heavy loads, and truck-based SUVs also have the disadvantage of sitting high — a factor that induces side-to-side motion and body roll. And the higher occupants sit in a vehicle, the more susceptible they are to "head-toss," that side-to-side head motion that is at best tiring, and at worst, a cause of car sickness. With all of that in mind, suspension designers are still forced to come up with a compromise. The end result is a suspension that excels at neither ride nor handling, and usually produces just average characteristics. Once again, modern technology has

come to the rescue with new and improved active suspensions, one of which is GM's Autoride.

Autoride is a semi-active, two-position damping control system that responds in real time to road conditions and driving conditions, based on information from sensors that monitor body and wheel motions. The system uses four wheel-position sensors, a steering wheel position sensor, engine torque monitor, brake apply sensor, and a vehicle speed sensor. Some of these sensors duplicate the functions of sensors that provide information to the stability control system, and in fact, several sensors send information to both.

However, Autoride has its own independent controller, one that uses very complex algorithms to filter and analyze input from its sensors. Output from the controller goes to four monotube shock absorbers, each with two internally controlled solenoid valves. The valves control the flow of fluid in the shock to vary both up and

down damping capability.

Independent damping control at each corner of the vehicle delivers instant suspension response for precise control of body motions during higher-speed turns and driving over uneven surfaces. The system "reads" the road and anticipates the best damping rates.

Autoride should not be confused with Magnetic Ride Control, an active suspension system used by Cadillac on the XLR, SRX, DTS, and STS. MRC uses four wheel-to-body displacement sensors to measure wheel motion over the road surface and responds by adjusting the shock damping almost instantly.

The secret is the magneto-rheological fluid contained in its dampers, replacing traditional mechanical valves. Suspended in this fluid are tiny iron particles that can change the fluid's viscosity in response to an electric signal from an onboard processor. According to Brad Cwycyshyn, a GM ride and handling engineer, MRC was considered for use in GM's big

SUVs, but since it's a fairly light-duty system, it was found not robust enough for GM's 8,400-pound GVW vehicles.

An additional benefit of Autoride is its air-lift/auto-leveling feature that includes air bags located over the shocks. An integrated air pump automatically adds air, when needed, to increase pressure in the air bags, raising the suspension to level the vehicle's ride height when carrying passengers or a heavy payload. Conversely,

air is bled from the bags when the payload is removed to level the vehicle to a level ride. How well does it work? In real life, you don't know it's missing until you try it. In a test-drive in a GMC Yukon, we noticed an almost imperceptible body roll on turns, and a huge head-toss. Once you're in Autoride, you won't want to go to the ordinary.



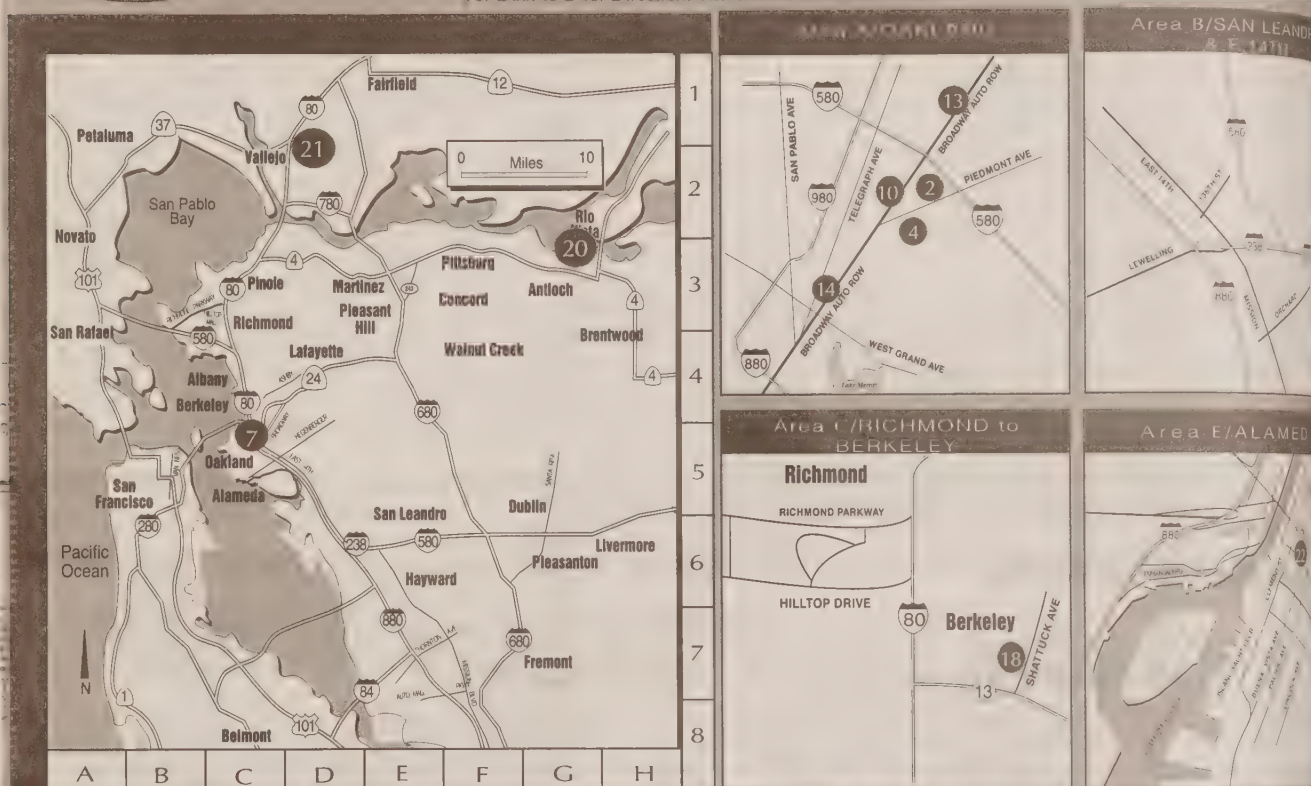
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2106 East Otis Dr - \$435,000
1320 Fernside Bl - \$595,000
2311 Halle St - \$870,500
2321 Halle St - \$843,000
817 Pacific Ave - \$26,000
1222 Porta Ballena - \$640,000
3001 Triumph 161 - \$657,500

BERKELEY

1321 8th St 1 - \$494,500
2944 Avalon Av - \$2,225,000
1814 California St - \$720,000
1807 Chestnut St - \$715,000
910 Colusa Av 1 - \$435,000
910 Colusa Av - \$885,000
1848 Shattuck 308 - \$410,000
1208 Stannage - \$737,000
1235 Stannage - \$700,000
1431 Walnut 2A - \$713,000

CERRITO

1037 Contra Costa - \$1,149,500
2025 Harvard St - \$1,100,000
400 Seaview Dr - \$717,000

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4674 Canyon Rd - \$450,000
600 La Paloma Rd - \$592,000
2022 Rancho Rd - \$485,000
1186 SP Dam Rd A - \$300,000
1186 SP Dam Rd - \$700,000
1186 Stallion Rd - \$560,000

EMERYVILLE

1228 54th St - \$401,500
Admiral Dr - \$795,000

MALIBU

100 106th Av - \$312,000
1400 109th Av - \$420,000
1033 20th Av - \$430,000
1161 24th St - \$350,000
2821 25th Av - \$530,000
1021 48th Av - \$643,000
1901 64th Av - \$490,000
1907 67th Av - \$560,000
1919 75th Av - \$330,000
1907 83rd Av - \$536,000
1912 84th Av - \$540,000
2277 87th Av - \$384,000
1950 89th Av - \$600,000
1140 99th Av - \$407,000
100 Adams 104 - \$317,000

4524 Allendale - \$555,500
2220 Arrowhead - \$1,177,000
2321 Ausean Av - \$359,000
10606 Beverly Av - \$565,000
3001 Blossom St - \$449,000
5343 Boyd Av - \$849,000
242 Caird Rd - \$399,000
320 Caldecott 313 - \$410,000
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349 Channel 133 - \$652,000
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614 Douglas Av - \$315,000
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701 Paloma Av - \$852,000
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10219 Pippin St - \$487,500
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73 Samaria Ln - \$595,000
1300 Seminary Av - \$620,000
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3068 Tully Pl - \$197,000
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4115 Walnut St - \$754,000
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1030 Winsor Av - \$1,115,000
24 York Dr - \$1,425,000

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3927 Center Av - \$295,000
1219 Club Dr - \$560,000
3825 Cutting Bl - \$715,000
1123 Eaglewood - \$550,000
5040 Escalon Cr - \$661,500
5765 Fern Meadow - \$733,000
5034 Garvin Av - \$465,000
351 Grove Av - \$450,000
3516 Maricopa Av - \$310,000
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3792 N. Stoneglenn - \$305,000
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330 Sanford Av - \$481,000
58 Sanford Av - \$535,000
345 Silver Av - \$469,000
363 S. 7th St - \$400,000
2126 Visalia Av - \$550,000
5632 Vista Dr - \$741,000

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16301 Bevil Wy - \$615,000
575 Cape Cod Dr - \$600,000
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955 Dutton Av - \$590,000
708 Elsie Av - \$560,000
15059 Hesperian 38 - \$310,000
14201 Ivy Ct - \$435,000
360 Kenilworth Av - \$550,000
14943 Lark St - \$549,000
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2077 Washington 103 - \$260,000

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15731 Via Nueva - \$595,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,021,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$640,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$654,727

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$410,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,225,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$715,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$803,450

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$717,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,149,500

MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,100,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$988,833

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$560,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$514,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$401,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$795,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$598,250

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 62
LOWEST PRICE: \$197,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,177,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$519,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$557,016

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$1,115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,050,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,456,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,511,500

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST PRICE: \$295,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$780,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$505,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$515,940

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$670,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$513,000

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$595,000

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Collaborating

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for the next two years. GM and Toyota will research vehicle-to-vehicle communication that can help prevent crashes and vehicle tracking systems that can cut down on traffic congestion. They'll also explore energy uses ranging from drilling to tailpipe emissions.

Source: The Associated Press.

Buckle up

Colorado has enacted a primary seat belt law, which gives police the ability to stop motorists for failing to wear their seat belts. Twenty-four states, have primary enforcement laws. Other states have bills pending amid concerns about auto safety. Stronger seat belt laws will get the holdouts to buckle-up, reducing the number of people — about 42,000 — killed in traffic crashes every year.

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■ Hornets drill nine 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL match

By Scott Strain

Late by the '31 or die by the '31' — and Alameda lived. The Hornets (17-5, 9-0) in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League hit nine 3-point shots, including seven by sophomore guard Roshawn Calandri, and were able to subdue El Cerrito 71-49 on Tuesday night at the Hornets' gym in Alameda.

The 10th-ranked Hornets (17-5, 9-0) one-and-a-half games behind the Hornets in the ACCAL. Alameda has three league games left; El Cerrito two. The Gauchos still have to play Berkeley.

Alameda was coming off an

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excruciating 81-56 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit ragged against El Cerrito, which it had defeated 37-54 in El Cerrito on Jan. 17. The Gauchos, on the other hand, had trounced El Cerrito 60-33 on Tuesday, shutting out the Jets 18-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we were just as good as Berkeley, so I took that loss out here tonight."

With Calandri firing in four 3-pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 34-17 lead at the half. Alameda's Lucia Calandri fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

The game swung permanently away from El Cerrito in the first few moments of the third quarter.

ter Nicole Catania stole the ball from Analeise McGrew underneath the Alameda basket and scored for 41-37. The Gauchos turned the ball over immediately after that and Calandri hit another 3-pointer for 44-37. El Cerrito called timeout with 7:05 left in the period and already had turned the ball over four times. The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos, their inside game evaporating, were forced to go to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our battle on defense," Calandri said about the effort against El Cerrito. "If the defense, some 3-pointers against Berkeley, I thought we had a chance against Berkeley, we didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandri's success was ball movement. The Gauchos

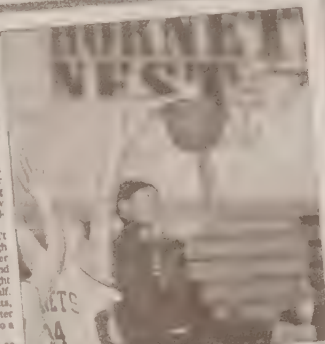
simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, set and shoot.

"It was a bad job of coaching," El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few moments of the third quarter didn't help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 10 points in the third quarter and Christina Perricone had all eight of her points in the second half.

Kumari Willis had 12 points, including six in the first quarter when the two teams battled to a 10-10 tie.

Calandri finished with 20 points to lead all scorers. McGrew had 24 points to lead El Cerrito and Jordan McCormick had 14.



EL CERRITO HIGH'S Analeise McGrew, right, goes to rebound over Alameda's Roshawn Calandri in their ACCAL game.

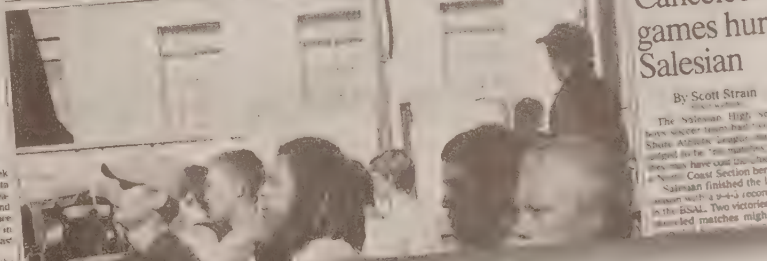
ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina

After a lean-opening week to end the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys' soccer season, league champions Richmond High School is gearing up to face its first opponent (confer) in the second round of North Coast Section 3A play.

At the start of the week, the Oilers, the No. 8 seed after last season's 10th-place finish, were



BSAL NOTEBOOK

Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain

The Salesian High school boys' soccer team had two games canceled due to "ill matchups," and they may have used the week to prepare for the league season. The team finished the league season with a 9-4-3 record, fifth in the BSAL. Two victories in the canceled matches might have

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Friday, March 24, 2006

Designer Cecil Hayes gives
tips on color and lightingMARLYNE VARKONYI
SCHAUBSOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL
If you can't afford to hire
Cecil Hayes, Fla., designer Cecil
Hayes, all her client list is
celebrities. Actors Wes
Anderson and Samuel L. Jackson.
Louis Oliver, Derek
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Timbaland.What's your league? No
matter what your bud-
get, get a dose of Hayes'
philosophy and ideas in her
book, "9 Steps to Beau-
tiful Living" (Simon &
Schuster, \$29.95).
Hayes' book is named
after the "Top 100"
list of designers
in the book, says her book was
teach you basic ele-
ments and how to apply
them to your home. It will be in
the April.Hayes was inspired after
the design faux pas
of homes of people who
are a decorator.Tables and chairs were not
the way, she says. "The coffee
table was far away that it looked
like a display. In all honesty,
they made their homes
look like they didn't knowone of her best advice
is to use your home's beautyHayes' best advice for
people if you have a greatliving room below eye level is OK
if you don't want to obstruct
the view. In a penthouse with an
elevator, she placed a bench that is
placed off the floor in front
of the view. To me, it doesn't ob-
struct, it enhances it. But

you don't want to have all the seat-
ing facing the view. Seating should
be arranged for conversation. An-
other thing to remember is the ocean
is a black expanse at night and no
longer the focal point.

Q. What is the easiest thing we
can do to make our homes look
better?

A. The best thing for immediate
gratification is fresh flowers. You
never see a photo in a magazine
without beautiful floral arrangements.
Every week I buy flowers. There is
something amazing about it. Why do
people think of buying flowers on
special occasions? It's because flow-
ers have that much power. Don't buy
silk. Always buy fresh. Just put them
on the coffee table in a clear vase. I
promise it will change the way you
look at that room.

Q. What's your take on the so-
called "death" of the living room?

A. I love living rooms. I don't
want to decorate without one. I feel
strongly that it's an introduction of
who you are or who you want to
be. People don't use most of the
rooms unless they have a very
small house. Our house is not
huge, but we could get rid of the
rest of the rooms and just keep the
bedroom. We are working people,
and when we come home it is usu-
ally dark. We are in the kitchen to
have our snack or dinner. Then we
go into the bedroom to read and
watch TV. But I love the rest of the
house. I love looking at it. I don't
know why you would want to be
logical about your home. You have
more than one pair of shoes. Logic
doesn't have a place when it comes
to luxury.

Q. What is the danger of being
influenced by the latest trends?

A. Trend is a word very difficult
for me to deal with. I usually don't

answer very well on those kind of
questions. I think what you select for
your home should have longevity.
Find something you really love and
something that lasts. Design is not
like fashion. It's a pretty long-term
relationship. If you want to use trendy
colors, use them in small doses and
maybe in accents.

Q. Some design pundits say
color has seen its day. Beige, black
and other neutrals are coming back
on the runways and in home design.
What's your take on color?

A. I think it's wonderful that neu-
trals are returning. If you really
check out rooms, the walls, ceiling,
large upholstery and floors are neu-
trals. The color comes from the art
on wall, accessories and chairs that
have pattern.

Q. Is there a formula for adding
color to a room?

A. Start with a palette of neu-
trals — blacks, browns, whites and
beiges — and add no more than
three colors.

Q. A lot of people hate fluo-
rescent lighting, but you recommend
using it in the bathroom and
kitchen. Why and how do you make
it look good?

A. Fluorescent tubing produces
even lighting. Buy the full-spectrum
fluorescents, if possible, because
the warm tones they produce re-
semble daylight. High hats (halo-
gen recessed lighting) have spots,
and it's cool lighting. In the task
area in a kitchen, I recommend a
fluorescent tube under the counter.
You can use a valance to conceal
it. The ceilings in our house are 16
feet and have high hats. God forbid
if you keep them on and the
bulb goes. I learned from personal
experience. You can go a step fur-
ther and have an elongated tube
over the cook top in the center of



COURTESY CECIL HAYES/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

DESIGNER CECIL HAYES SAYS that the living room should be arranged for conversation, not
around a great view or other focal point and always use fresh flowers to highlight the room.

the kitchen. Another good idea is
pendants or elongated fixtures.

Q. How close should a coffee
table be to the seating?

A. The coffee table should be
no more than 18 inches from the
sofa. Your average arm length is 18
inches when you are seated, al-
lowing you to place a drink on the

table without sitting on the edge of
your seat. You need 18 inches to
walk between the sofa and the
table, and legs need 18 inches to
extend when you are sitting down.

Q. What is the conversation arc?

A. Arrange the furniture so that
the distance from one person's head
to another is no more than 8 feet. It
has to do with hearing. It also makes
the room feel more intimate. The rule
should not be compromised no mat-
ter how much space you have. If you
have a great room that's 25 by 30
feet, create more than one conver-
sation grouping. Or use the extra
space for something like a game
table or a bar area.

Q. What is your rule for selecting
the right paint color?

A. It has to do with volume and
with size. Anytime you select a color,
the more of it you have, the more in-
tense it becomes. People bring in a
sample and they say it can't be the
same color. They say it's brighter or
darker than they thought. Find the
color you like and go to two colors
lighter on the color strip. I have ex-
perimented and it has worked for
me. The worst thing is to select the
wrong color. You don't want to walk
into a room and say, "Omigod, what
is this?"

Q. What is the most important
advice in your book for your readers?

A. I really and truly want them to
have a beautiful home. They deserve
that. After all the reading, all the il-
lustrations, all the photos, they will
have a finished product that makes
them smile every time they come into
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Even Cecil Hayes was surprised
that she took only nine steps to de-
sign a room.

"I started to outline what I do,"
she said. "When I started putting it
down, I realized that I came up with
the same nine steps. For seven
months, I tried to come up with num-
ber 10 and couldn't do it."

Hayes, who taught art before be-
coming a designer, suggests ap-
proaching the space with the eye of
an artist.

"First look for the composition
of the room and make sure the
pieces you want have some rela-
tionship to the space. Then go into
the various pieces — the chairs,
sofa or window treatment. Your
'look book' becomes your recipe
book or cookbook. You may not
be able to do the entire house at
one time, but you need to have a
plan book to keep you on track
and prevent you from making
hasty decisions."

Here are the basics of her "9
Steps to Beautiful Living."

1. Get to know your space.
Evaluate what's in it and decide
which elements will most influence
the design, such as the view, light
levels and planned use of the room.
You'll learn how to measure and

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zines, swatches of fabric, wallpa-
per samples and brochures you
have picked up in home furnish-
ings' stores. When it's finished, it
will help you make decisions on
color, furnishings, art and acces-
sories.

3. Create a furniture plan. Your
furniture should be arranged to be
comfortable and functional. You will
learn basics, such as how far to
place the coffee table from the sofa,
how to arrange a conversation area
and how much room to allow on ei-
ther side of the bed.

4. Decorate one layer at a time.
Your room has three layers — floor,
walls and ceiling. Hayes explains
how to divide the decorative items
in these areas and how to calculate
what to spend on each layer.

5. Mix styles and periods. De-
cide if your personality fits into the
"collector" or "eclectic" types. The
collector's challenge is to make sure
the collection doesn't overwhelm the
room. For the eclectic, she says 75-
85 percent of the furnishings should
be in one style and the rest in a dif-
ferent period or style.

6. Choose your colors. Although
Hayes uses neutrals for the back-
ground, she gives suggestions on
adding color to punch up a room.
Start with the floor coverings, then
upholstery and finally, select window
treatments and wallcoverings.

**7. Use a variety of fabric pat-
terns and textures.** Ever wonder
why something looks wrong in a
room with tile floors, leather furni-
ture and without rugs or throw pil-
lows? You'll learn how to add
warmth to your decor with textures
and patterns.

**8. Decorate with art and ac-
cessories.** This is the step that
Hayes says "really makes a house
a home." She helps you determine
your look and guides you in select-
ing tabletop art, floor art and wall art.

**9. Evaluate your finished de-
sign.** Before you make the final eval-
uation, she suggests leaving the
house for at least eight hours. This
is the time you use to clear your
head so you see the design fresh
when you return. If you don't know
where to look first, you still have
some work to do. The fix could be
as easy as removing something or
moving the furniture around.

"People are afraid of what good
taste really is," she said. "I loved a
line from the old TV show Sanford
and Son. Sanford was a junk dealer.
In one episode, he went to the home
of very wealthy people. The home
was very organized."

"Sanford looked at it and said,
'This house has no personality. You
can't even smell anything. I think
we got to get some personality go-
ing on here.'"



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A top chef's sausage-fennel pasta

BY LINDA GASSENHEIMER
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS
Sausage, fennel, onion and

tomatoes make a robust pasta topping. I adapted the recipe here from Tom Colicchio, award-win-

ning chef of Craft and Gramercy Tavern in New York.
"I make this at home because

It's quick, easy and delicious," Colicchio told me in a recent interview at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

Italian turkey sausage is often seasoned with fennel seed. Also called sweet anise, fennel is a large white bulb with celery-like

stems and feathery green leaves. It has a mild licorice flavor and can be eaten raw or cooked.

This meal contains 535 calories per serving with 27 percent of calories from fat.

Wine suggestion

A perfect match for this fennel-scented dish is a big rich red that has a hint of licorice itself — syrah. Invite me over.

Helpful hints

If you can't find fennel, substitute celery. The flavor will be different but good.

Countdown

- Place water for pasta on to boil.
- Prepare ingredients.
- Cook pasta.
- Complete dish.

Shopping list

To buy: ½ pound lean, fennel-flavored turkey sausage; 1 medium fennel bulb; 1 small head cauliflower; 1 small bunch parsley; 1 small can low-salt, crushed tomato; 1 package spaghetti.

TOM COLICCHIO'S FENNEL and sausage pasta, left, is chock-full of sausage, fennel and cauliflower.

Staples: 2 cups black pepper
TOM COLICCHIO'S FENNEL AND SAUSAGE PASTA
1 ½ pound lean, fennel-flavored turkey sausage (preferably fennel seed) and coarsely ground
1 medium fennel bulb
1 cup coarsely shredded cauliflower
1 cup coarsely shredded onion
1 cup coarsely shredded tomato
4 ounces dried spaghetti
2 teaspoons salt
Salt and pepper to taste
Put a 3- to 4-inch slice of fennel on to boil
½-inch slices of fennel
let over medium heat
sausage 2 minutes
Add fennel, onion to the pan and cook
As the vegetables return the sauce for 2 minutes
and set aside, heat
As soon as the spaghetti is cooked, drain it and saucepan. Add the sauce, salt and pepper and serve with pasta
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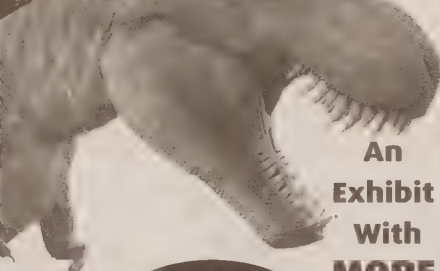
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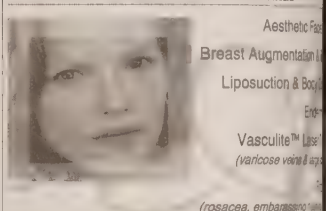
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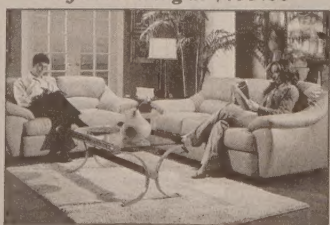


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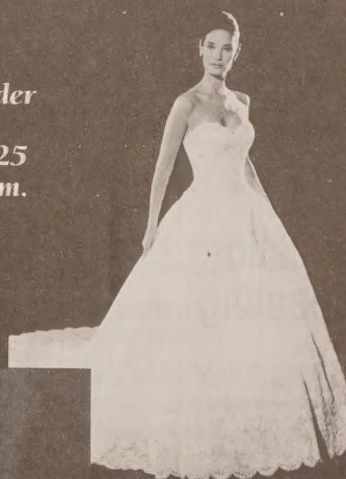
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Redecorating your child's room is more than a way to bring their space up to date. It can also be a great way for you to spend some time with your child, to see how their personal tastes have developed and to teach them some valuable lessons about negotiation as well.

You may be surprised to know that the first step in the room re-decorating process doesn't begin with picking out a princess theme or figuring out the right shade of rocket blue. Knowing when your child is ready for the change can be more important than the decorating process itself.

According to Dr. Steve O'Brien, assistant professor of child psychology for Argosy University/Tampa, knowing where your child is at in their development is the key. "When your child's interests begin to expand to the world around them and become more personal, your child may be ready and excited for a new room." Changes in television viewing from animated cartoons to "real" shows like those on Animal Planet and Nickelodeon, interest in different types of music and a move towards more mature toys are indicators as well.

Remember that your child's room is not your own. While your furniture, collections and possessions spread over the entire home, theirs are usually confined to one room. Their bedrooms are multifunctional spaces that need to meet a variety of needs. "The space needs to be a place where your child can sleep, store their things, socialize with friends, play and even study," says LeAnn Baier, interior design instructor for The Art Institute of Las Vegas. According to O'Brien, "It should be both comfortable and comforting to them and designed in a way that is conducive to their development."

Weed through the contents of your child's room and help them prioritize what they need in the space and what they don't. Identify what items should be in open storage where your child can access them easily, which ones can be placed in closets, which need to be convenient to access and which can be stored elsewhere or simply thrown away.

The best way to maximize space in any bedroom, according to Baier, is with a closet system. According to Steven Mann, managing partner of Crowne Closets & Cabinetry in Las Vegas, "If you have a single shelf and pole in your closet, installing a closet system can increase hanging space by two thirds and give the customer needed shelving as well." If you can't afford a custom system, there are other options as well. Your local do-it-yourself warehouse can also help when it comes to closet systems and storage solutions, as can a little ingenuity.

Go to the organization aisle of your favorite store, look at the various storage items there and find ways to use them in your child's room. Baier uses canvas shoe holders that hang from a tradi-

tional closet pole to store games, puzzles and art materials for her daughter. Remember that children's clothes are shorter so you can often fit a bookcase or toy organizer under them in the closet. Consider under-the-bed storage as well. Wall shelves and other off-the-floor storage can be a great way to allow children to display their collections in an organized fashion. Bookcases are another storage solution for kid items but can take up vital floor space in the room.

The primary pieces in your child's bedroom should be the furniture. "The best case scenario," says Baier, "is that parents have planned ahead of time for the transition and avoided furniture and items that are age-specific." Whether you have them already or will need to purchase them now, opt for classic pieces that will grow with your child.

Walls should be handled in a similar manner. Baier encourages her clients to opt for strong architectural lines and neutral colors in a room. Bead board, moldings and other architectural elements can give a room the character you are looking for without overwhelming the space. When it comes to color, a light periwinkle is a great way to inject color into the room and appease your daughter's demand for an all-purple space. "Kids generally don't have a concept of color shades until they are 8 or 9," says O'Brien. "Look at different shades of purple with them and come to an agreement on what shade of purple they can use for the walls, assuring them they can inject more vibrant shades in other places."

So where is the fun, the color and the SpongeBob that your child wanted in their space? It's in the accents. Bed linens, artwork, table lamps and even window coverings are less expensive ways to bring your child's personality into the space and help their "cool" factor. Keep window shades and light control elements neutral but experiment with a fun valance. Bring your child's favorite character or animal into the room in the bedding or as art accents on the walls. Most importantly, know that every good design has classic elements that will stand the test of time. Creating a good base for your growing child's room allows you to make changes at every stage of their life and with reasonable or nominal cost.

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BUZZ BERTOLERO
The Dirt Gardener

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With the days getting longer and warmer, now is a good time to reseed turf and it doesn't take a lot of technical skill. First, you should scratch the area with a metal rake to remove the dead grass and/or other debris on the soil surface. If necessary, you can fill in any depressions at this time with extra soil planting mix.

The next step is to sow the seed and starter fertilizer. The amount of seed and fertilizer will depend on the size of the area and your local nursery professional can assist you. He or she can also help in selecting the right seed blend to match your existing grass but you'll need to take a two-inch square by which deep sample of the type of grass. Afterwards, you'll insert the square back into the grass area. It doesn't matter if the seed or fertilizer goes down first but they should be evenly spread over the area. Once the area is seeded, cover it with a one-half-inch layer of homemade compost, soil conditioner, peat moss or planting mix. This layer is used to keep the seed moist during the germination period. Depending on the variety, it could take ten to twenty days.

Now, you have reached the critical step and that is to keep the area moist but not soggy wet. If the seed dries out during the germination period, you'll have to start over. Until the temperatures turn hot, watering the area two to three times per day should be adequate. Covering will tell you which areas are drying out faster than others, changing from a dark to light color. When watering, don't allow water to puddle; otherwise, the seed floats and you create bare spots in the bare spot.

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While asthma may affect people year round, spring can be particularly troublesome for the 10 million Americans with allergic asthma, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). Warmer temperatures mean higher pollen counts, causing trouble for the allergic asthma sufferer.

"Allergic asthma occurs when a sensitized patient is exposed to allergens to which their immune system is sensitive", said Nancy Mozelso, M.D. of Allergy and Asthma Medical Group of the Bay Area.

"Inhaling pollens, dust mite proteins, molds, animal dander or other allergens

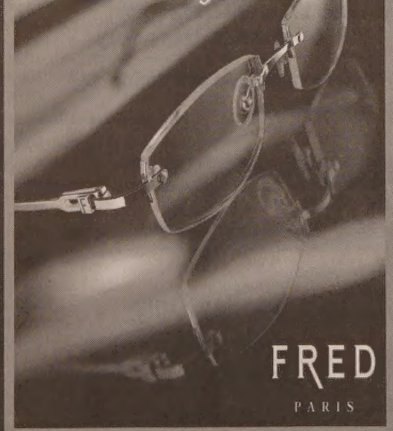
cause the airways of sensitive individuals to constrict, leading to potentially serious asthma symptoms, which include coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing and chest tightness."

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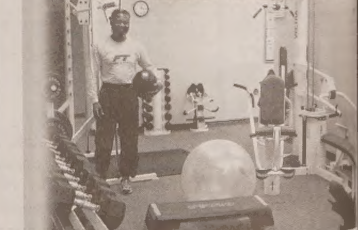
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